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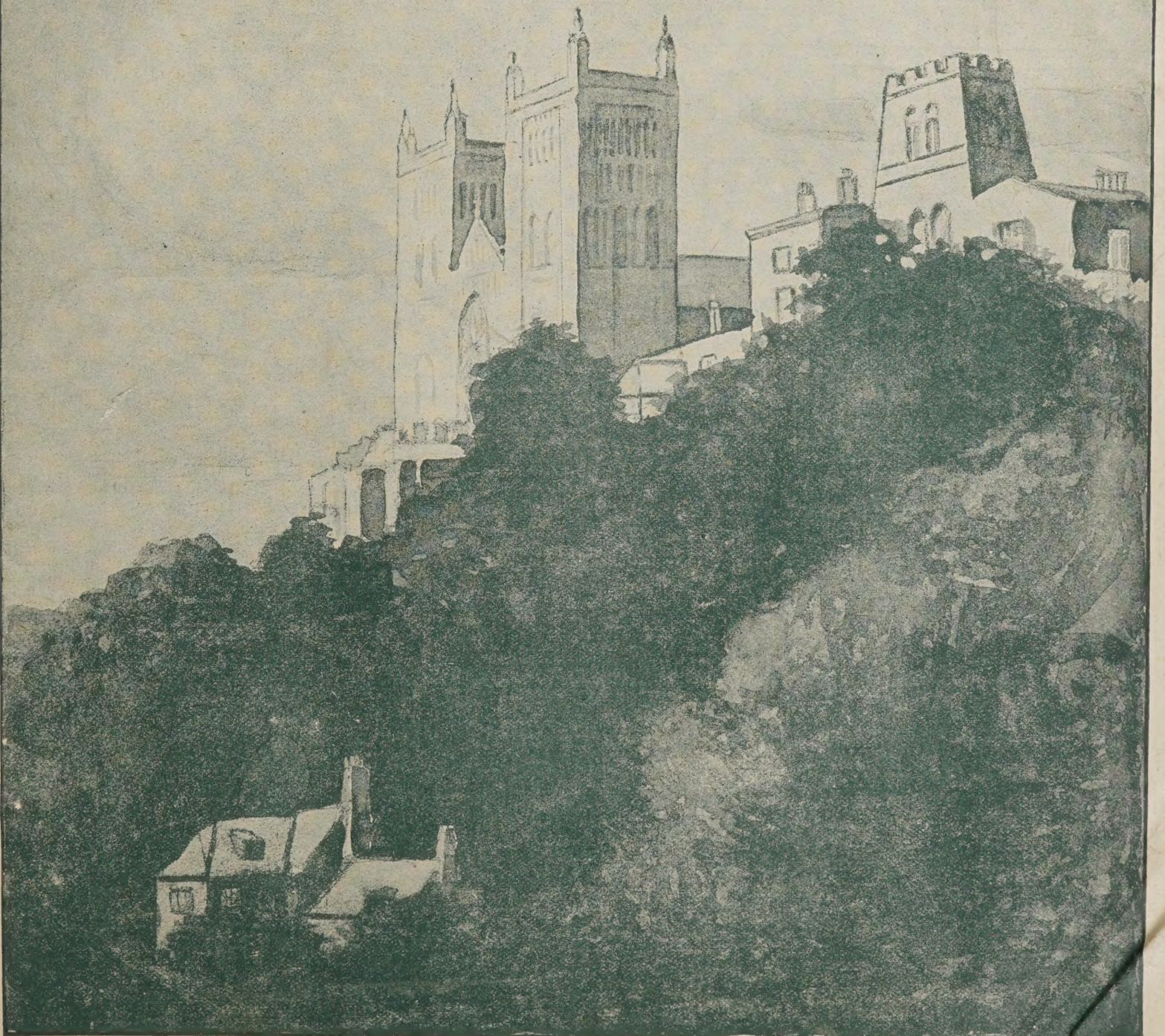
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Vick Publishing Company, Dansville, New York

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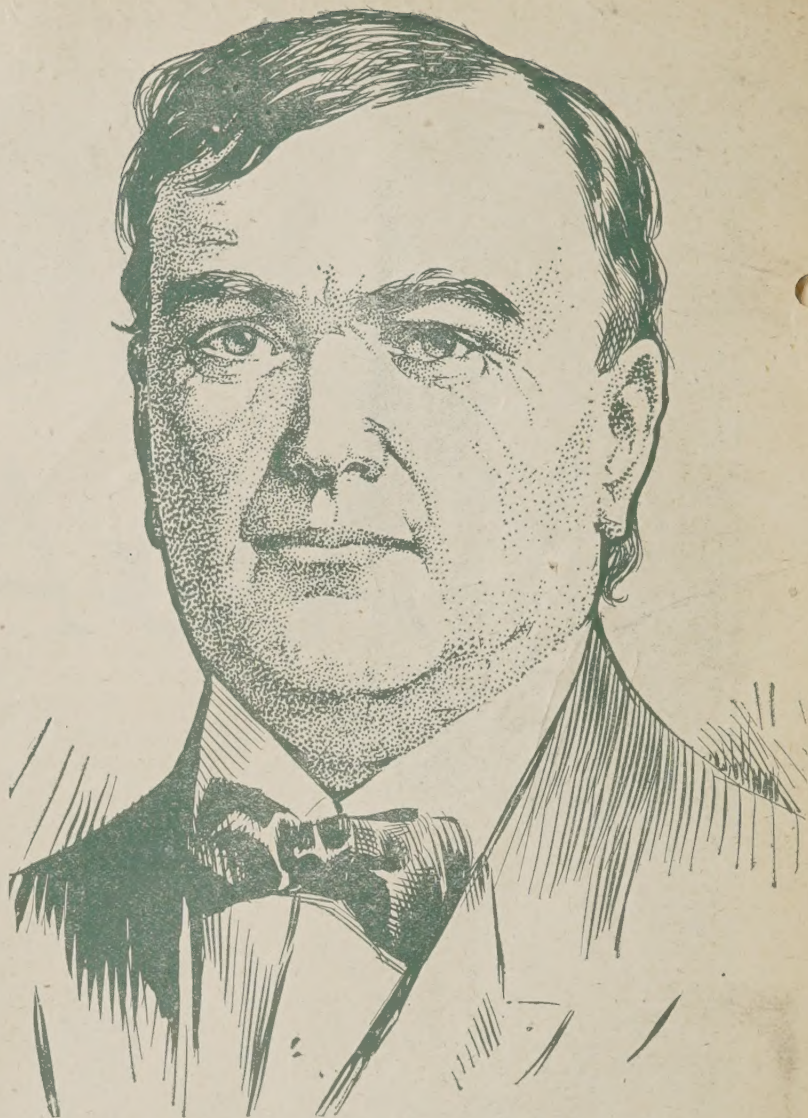
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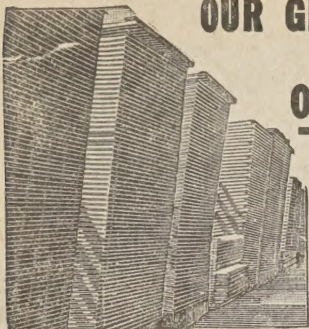
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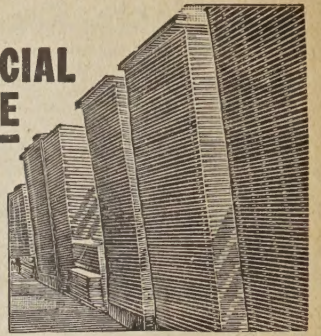
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THE PRIZE HEN

E. I. Farrington



IF THE squire had never given the widow a chicken from his flock of prize winning Plymouth Rocks, it is probable that the little romance which was unfolding under the eyes of the watchful neighbors would have culminated in orthodox fashion. The gift was the result of many friendly conferences over the back-yard fence, for the squire's well-kept grounds adjoined the widow's little garden, with a stone wall marking the boundary line.

The squire had found time in the intervals of a busy life to become an ardent poultry fancier, and when the fact became noised abroad that a chicken hatched from an egg laid by his famous prize hen had been handed over the stone wall to the widow, everybody conceded that the squire had paid his buxom neighbor the highest compliment which he could bestow. That prize hen was the apple of his eye and every chick which poked its head from under her mottled plumage a treasure to be guarded with jealous care.

Now, all chicken fanciers will tell you that nobody can look at a pullet which has but reached the brief age of two months and determine whether or not it is likely to develop into a slow bird. It is not to be supposed, of course, that the squire, feeling as he did in regard to his neighbor, attempted to pick out the poorest of the eight chickens which acknowledged the motherly ministrations of the prize hen, but it is safe to say that he would not have selected the particular chick which he did select had he dreamed for a moment that it would, by the end of another year, have become a hen of such amazingly perfect shape and proportions, such fineness of feather and brilliancy of eye that it would be able to go into the ring and carry away the honors from its own mother. But that is exactly what happened. And that is how it came about that the squire and the widow ceased to keep tryst at the old stone wall, that the neighbors shook their heads and said it was a pity, and that the widow became as keen a fancier as the squire himself.

The widow had a little house built for the new prize winner under a pear tree not far from the stone wall, and soon after, the squire was awakened one morning by the full-throated challenge of a great stately chanticleer in his neighbor's yard. The squire hurled himself from his bed and stood at the window with frowning brow, watching the proud and showy cock strutting about in unbridled vanity for the delectation of the widow's prize hen. Not satisfied with triumphs already won, the widow was preparing for further victories. The squire had no doubts about the result. Prize winning chicks were as sure to follow that mating as dawn to follow darkness. He felt humiliated, chagrined. Every time he looked across into his neighbor's yard, his resentment grew. He found himself envying his neighbor's possessions with wicked intensity. When the bold chanticleer would flap his great wings and curve his dappled neck in boastful crowing, the squire would shake his fist at him in impotent rage. When the prize hen would emerge from the little house, cackling gleefully, he would slam the shutters in sheer disgust.

Then, one day, that happened which filled the heart of the squire with unrighteous joy. The prize hen got tired of having her eggs taken away as fast as she laid them. She flew up on the stone wall and down into the squire's garden. She found a quiet, secluded spot under a currant bush and there deposited her morning offering. Then she flew back again and cackled more gayly than ever. And the squire fairly cackled, too, in his delight. He lost no time in making his way to that currant bush and in annexing the prize hen's newly-laid egg. He was careful, however, to replace it with another egg, in order that the prize hen might be deceived if she came again. It is a wise hen that knows its own eggs.

The prize hen came over the fence the next morning and laid a second egg under the currant bush. The squire promptly gathered it, but left another, a common, sixteen-for-a-quarter egg, in its place. Who knows that a hen can't count?

The third morning the prize hen flew over the stone wall, and a third egg lay white and shining under the currant bush when she flew back cackling to her lordly mate. Evidently there was some prospect of a family after all and she sang merrily the rest of the day. The squire had been watching as usual and gained possession of the egg with cheerful celerity.

This program was continued until six of the prize hen's priceless eggs were stored away under the squire's lock and key. Then the widow took a hand. A wire yard was built around the little house. The prize biddy and the chanticleer were prisoners.

The squire was disconsolate. He had yearned for sufficient eggs to make a respectable setting. With, say a dozen, he ought to be able, he reasoned, to hatch out some chickens which would give the widow a struggle for the prize money at the next show. He

hen's thirteen eggs with the thirteen store eggs and slipped out.

Fortune seemed to be favoring him, for the moon sailed under a cloud at that opportune moment and the squire made a bee line for the wall. Holding the fruits of his raid carefully elevated, he swung one leg over the wall and was about to follow it with the other, when a flood of moonlight bathed the strange scene and there on the other side of the wall, not three feet away, staring at him in fright and amazement, stood the widow. She, too, had a basket. There were six eggs in it.

It would be difficult to decide which was the more startled and disconcerted—the widow or the squire. Perhaps the fact that the latter dropped his basket should be counted against him. But the crash of the breaking eggs seemed to restore in a measure the man's self possession and poise.

"May I ask, madam," he demanded with assumed hauteur, "What you are doing in my garden at this time of the night?" He had hoped to save himself by forcing the issue.

But the widow was ready for him, by this time. "I was on an honest errand," she replied with spirit, "Which, I suspect, is more than you can say."

"What errand, madam?" roared the squire, ignoring the latter part of her remarks.

"To get the eggs my hen laid under your currant bush," snapped the widow. "It's my hen and they are my eggs."

"You didn't get them," triumphed the squire. He couldn't, for the life of him, help saying it.

"I did," retorted the widow, glancing down at her basket.

"You are mistaken," shot back the squire. He was enjoying his revenge blindly, unconscious of anything else. "I changed 'em."

The widow gasped. Then she did the one thing for which the squire was least prepared. She plumped down in the dew-covered grass and burst into a passion of tears. Threats, accusations, a raging storm of bitter words, he would gladly have met and

parried. But the widow in tears! He scratched his head in perplexity and dismay. His assurance was broken down. He moved and the broken eggs of the prize hen crunched accusingly under his feet. He felt conscience smitten. How the widow's brown curls gleamed in the moonlight. She was only a young widow and tears somehow seemed to become her, out there in the deep orchard grass. What did a hen amount to, anyway, when compared to a woman! She raised her face and smiled through her tears. "I'm a goose," she said. How pretty she was! The squire forgot his humiliation, his defeats, past and in prospect. He sprang over the wall and caught the widow in his arms. He implored her forgiveness. When he thought he was safe in doing so, he kissed her.

"I will make sure of one prize at least," he said.

In Church

Just in front of my pew sits a maiden—
A little brown wing on her hat,
With its touches of tropical azure,
And sheen of the sun upon that.
Through the bloom-colored pane shines a glory
By which the vast shadows are stirred,
But I pine for the spirit and splendor
That painted the wing of the bird.

The organ rolls down its great anthem;
With the soul of a song it is blent;
But for me, I am sick for the singing
Of one little song that is spent.
The voice of the curate is gentle,
"No sparrow shall fall to the ground;"
But the poor broken wing on the bounnet
Is mocking the merciful sound.

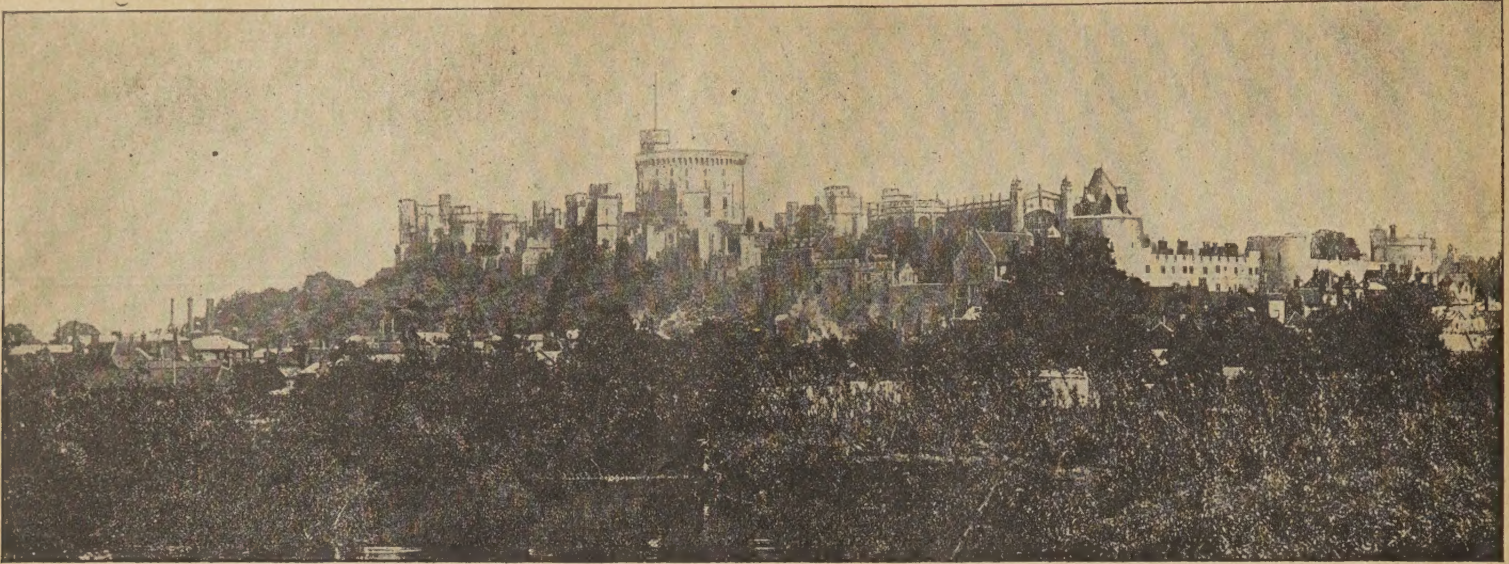


was gazing out into his neighbor's yard, chewing the bitter cud of disappointment, when he was surprised to see the widow go out to the little house with an apron full of eggs. He surmised that the prize hen, after the manner of her kind, had unexpectedly gone to sitting.

Then, of a sudden, there crept into his mind such a quaint little temptation that he failed to recognize it at first and so crush it down at the beginning. Almost before he knew it, it had grown into a full sized plot, which presented itself with such force that he was obliged to sit down and mop away the beads of sweat which came to his brow at the daring of it.

It is useless to follow the chain of reasoning which seemed to him to justify the squire in climbing over the wall into his neighbor's garden late that night, but it must be chronicled that he sneaked behind bushes and trees more like a thief than an honest man. It was fortunate that the widow did not keep a dog.

The moon was full and the night fairly light. The squire had a basket in his hand which contained thirteen eggs, common "store" eggs. Thirteen is a setting, as everybody knows. He crept cautiously around the corner of the little hen-house, turned the wooden button which held the door and let himself in. The moonlight illuminated the interior dimly. The mottled hen on her nest seemed like a ghost of a prize winner. She remonstrated broodily when the intruder thrust his hand under her warm feathers and drew out thirteen fine, large eggs. She pecked at his fingers viciously, too, and the rooster, realizing that something unusual was going on, flapped his wings and crowed lustily. The squire anathematized him under his breath, feeling half tempted to wring his neck, replaced the prize



The Heart of England

The Editor

IF YOU are an American who trace your ancestry back to England you will feel an extra thrill the first time you set foot on British soil. You may not feel a kinship, you probably won't, but you will feel as if you or yours had a hand in making England what she is, and be correspondingly proud.

The first thing you will experience is a consciousness of the dignity of Age. To see something that is "hoary," to lay your hand on something, if it be only a stone, and think, this was here a thousand years ago! Somehow you cannot grasp it all at once, particularly if you come from one of the newer parts of the country where anything fifty years old is considered only fit to be pulled down, and where the constant chop and change to which we are used goes bravely on.

Windsor Castle which is given at the top of this page, and Westminster Abbey which is shown below, seem to me to hold the heart of England. All the names of those great in war or peace, in literature or art, are to be found in one or the other of these places. Windsor, commenced by William the Conqueror has been added to by every English sovereign since that time, Edward III. and Queen Victoria being the most lavish builders. The huge Round Tower can be seen from miles around, and in the different apartments and galleries are portraits of Kings and Queens whose personalities have been to you hitherto but a name and a number. Here they have lived and loved and suffered, just like the rest of us. While you wander through this castle, and then enjoy the beauties of the gardens, you are preparing yourself for the more heartfelt pleasure of a visit to the Abbey, and you will find that two, three or four times are not enough. I will not give you a list of the great who lie there, for you can find that for yourself, but here are a few things which you will not find in the guide books, but which are characteristic, just the same.

Say for instance we are going shopping, and that you need gloves and collars. If your hand is small, calling for five and a half gloves, and if your neck will take a twelve and a half collar, you will not find them, but the shop-keeper will have them made for you that very day and sent to your home. Six in size of gloves and thirteen for collars is the smallest kept in stock. If you want to buy some white cloth you must ask for calico, and if you want calico you must ask for print. If you need thread you won't get it unless you ask for cotton, and though you may be starving for some candy, you will be able to buy nothing but toffee or "sweets." You will find it strange to see all the young men going to business in what we call beaver hats, and smoking pipes. After you have once climbed to the top of an omnibus and ridden through the historic old London streets, you will never choose any other method of progression, even if your ears are rather horrified at the stream of "language" with which the driver greets his fellow Jesus, particularly if they impede his progress.

When you travel through the country regions, you will wonder why it was called "the roast beef of old England" for we have it better here, and you will not fancy the dark-colored bread, so different from the snowy white you are used to. The long, slender, uncurled leaves of lettuce without dressing more often than not, seem a different vegetable from our "Boston curled," and you will have gooseberry tarts so often that you will grow ashamed to look one of these berries in the face!

But after all, what are these trifles?

Think of lying in bed in an inn, say at Ashby-de-la-Zouche, where the last English tournament was held,

and hearing a nightingale sing. Think of rising the next morning and opening your lattice, not a sash window mind, and looking out over fields where stand the ruins of a castle showing still its grand banquet hall and chapel, winding stair and mullion windows, while in the deserted garden cows peacefully chew the cud!

Think of wandering through a castle which has been lived in continuously since twelve hundred when it was built, by the same family and their descendants. This is Berkeley Castle near the north border of England, and though the moat is filled up and planted with mignonette, the deer park yet stretches miles away filled with the lovely timid creatures which are such strangers to most of us here. Think of looking down into a dungeon where unnumbered bodies had been thrown and into the chamber where a king was murdered, and you will begin to understand what it is to live history. All these things they will show you at Berkeley Castle—for a shilling a head and they will show you the great kitchen too, where the crane still hangs in the chimney, and the meats are still cooked on a spit. But if you ask the French cook who presides there how he can manage with these antiquated methods, he will show you grudgingly a closet where are a number of charcoal braisers and bright copper skillets to which he resorts when he really wants to prepare his delicacies.



Westminster Abbey

Of all things in England which have left a most lasting impression on my mind, the cathedrals take first place. I cannot exactly explain the impression they give you; They seem like magic, their size, their location their beauty seem almost unearthly. For instance those of Durham, which is on our front cover, and Lincoln, given on the page opposite, set on hills, are seen for miles around; they dominate the landscape. You marvel how such huge edifices were built, requiring so much material, on so inconvenient a spot, and when you examine the carving, of a richness hardly to be described, you marvel yet more.

It is many years since I spent some days at Lincoln, yet I can see it before me as though it were yesterday, and recall to mind my sensations.

The day was sunny and pleasant and when we stepped within, the mellow light from the stained glass windows filled the whole interior with color. High up the vaulted roof showed the carved beams, and the various screens, also carved, but with such delicacy that it looked like lace, divided the nave from the body of the cathedral and concealed the interior. As we sat there taking in the beauty, the organ suddenly pealed out, and then from somewhere rose a voice, so clear, so pure, so almost unearthly in its sweetness that you fairly held your breath. Up, up to the very gates of Heaven it seemed to rise and float perfectly detached from earth, it has always seemed to me. The organ followed where it led, sustaining and supporting, and making the whole song seem mysterious, since neither singer nor organist were in sight. When I came down to earth and the lump in my throat went back to its normal position, I knew that I had been hearing one of those marvelous boy choristers, with a voice of such a quality that it seems to be absolutely fresh, unspotted by the world. I dare say he was just an everyday little boy, but his voice has been to me the sweetest music I ever heard.

All the great English cathedrals, built so long ago and at such vast expenditure of money and life, have each of them a charm of its own. To me they were vastly more impressive than those on the Continent, more stately, less tawdry, and much cleaner.

Another thing that impresses an American strongly is the eagerness with which every person who answers a question or does you a service, no matter how slight, expects a tip. You get to feel that if you met a duke in his star and garter and asked him your way while your hand instinctively went to your pocket, what you offered him would be cheerfully accepted, provided it was large enough!

In no other country in the world can you see such extremes of wealth and poverty, such showy manifestations of wealth and such hopeless, degraded poverty. Nor is this latter horror confined to London, but obtrudes itself in nearly every city, particularly the very old ones like York, Leicester, Birmingham, Bristol, etc.

The delightful way in which ancient customs are retained is a part of the charm of the same old cities. Ceremonies like the opening of the Assizes, when the Judge is driven to church the Sunday preceding in a coach and four, the coachman in a powdered wig and pink silk stockings with lackeys in similar toggerly hanging on behind the coach, seems delightfully picturesque to our eyes, almost theatrical in fact if it were not for the beautiful surroundings of ancient gray buildings and splendid trees.

Indeed all growing things seem not only grand in size but unusual in vivid color. You will notice this not only in trees and grass but in the colors of the flowers, geraniums so red, lobelia so blue, and calceolarias being so yellow that you can hardly pass them by,

The Devil and Tom Walker

Washington Irving

WASHINGTON IRVING was born in the city of New York, April 3, 1783, and died at Sunnyside, near Tarrytown, N. Y., November 28, 1859. Though fond of reading, he had little taste for study in his youth and did not attend college. His first literary work of importance was his "Knickerbocker's History of New York." Shortly afterward, while engaged in a commercial venture with his brothers, he found it necessary to visit England for the second time. The firm failed, and, while still in England, Irving again devoted all his attention to literature.

The "Sketch Book" was followed by "Bracebridge Hall" and "Tales of a Trav'ler." Irving then went to Spain, and in the course of the several years that he remained there he wrote "A Life of Columbus," the "Conquest of Granada," and "Alhambra." Subsequently he wrote his two celebrated biographical works—"The Life of Washington," and "The Life of Goldsmith." "The Devil and Tom Walker," which we give this month is taken from "The Tales of a Traveler."



FEW miles from Boston, in Massachusetts, there is a deep inlet winding several miles into the interior of the country from Charles Bay, and terminating in a thickly wooded swamp, or morass. On one side of this inlet is a beautiful dark grove; on the opposite side the land rises abruptly from the water's edge into a high ridge on which grow a few scattered oaks of great age and immense size.

It was under one of these gigantic trees according to old stories, that Kidd the pirate buried his treasure. The inlet allowed a facility to bring the money in a boat secretly and at night to the very foot of the hill. The elevation of the place permitted a good lookout to be kept that no one was at hand, while the remarkable trees formed good landmarks by which the place might easily be found again.

The old stories add, moreover, that the devil presided at the hiding of the money, and took it under his guardianship; but this it is well known, he always does with buried treasure, particularly when it has been ill gotten. Be that as it may, Kidd never returned to recover his wealth, being shortly after seized at Boston, sent out to England, and there hanged for a pirate.

About the year 1727, just at the time when earthquakes were prevalent in New England, and shook many tall sinners down upon their knees, there lived near this place a meager, miserly fellow of the name of Tom Walker. He had a wife as miserly as himself; they were so miserly that they even conspired to cheat each other. Whatever the woman could lay hands on she hid away; a hen could not cackle but she was on the alert to secure the new-laid egg. Her husband was continually prying about to detect her secret hoards, and many and fierce were the conflicts that took place about what ought to have been common property.

They lived in a forlorn-looking house that stood alone and had an air of starvation. A few straggling savin trees, emblems of sterility, grew near it; no smoke ever curled from its chimney; no traveler stopped at its door. A miserable horse, whose ribs were as articulate as the bars of a gridiron, stalked about a field where a thin carpet of moss, scarcely covering the ragged beds of pudding-stone, tantalized and balked his hunger, and sometimes he would lean his head over the fence, look piteously at the passer-by, and seem to petition deliverance from this land of famine.

The house and its inmates had altogether a bad name. Tom's wife was a tall termagant, fierce of temper, loud of tongue, and strong of arm. Her voice was often heard in wordy warfare with her husband, and his face sometimes showed signs that their conflicts were not confined to words. No one ventured, however, to interfere between them; the lonely wayfarer shrunk within himself at the horrid clamor and clapper-clawing; eyed the den of discord askance, and hurried on his way, rejoicing, if a bachelor, in his celibacy.

One day that Tom Walker had been to a distant part of the neighborhood, he took what he considered a short cut homeward through the swamp. Like most short cuts, it was an ill-chosen route. The swamp was thickly grown with great gloomy pines and hemlocks, some of them ninety feet high, which made it dark at noonday, and a retreat for all the owls of the neighborhood. It was full of pits and quagmires, partly covered with weeds and mosses, where the green surface often betrayed the traveler into a gulf of black smothering mud; there were also dark and stagnant pools, the abodes of the tadpole, the bullfrog, and the water-snake, and where trunks of pines and hemlocks lay half-drowned, half-rotting, looking like alligators, sleeping in the mire.

Tom had long been picking his way cautiously through this treacherous forest, stepping from tuft to tuft of rushes and roots which afforded precarious foot-

holds among the deep sloughs; or pacing carefully, like a cat, among the prostrate trunks of trees; startled now and then by the sudden screaming of the bittern, or the quacking of a wild duck, rising on the wing from some solitary pool.

At length he arrived at a piece of firm ground which ran out like a peninsula into the deep bosom of the swamp. It had been one of the strongholds of the Indians during their wars with the first colonists. Here they had thrown up a kind of fort which they had looked upon as almost impregnable, and had used as a place of refuge for their squaws and children. Nothing remained of the Indian fort but a few embankments gradually sinking to the level of the surrounding earth, and already overgrown in part by oaks and other forest trees, the foliage of which formed a contrast to the dark pines and hemlocks of the swamp.

It was late in the dusk of evening that Tom Walker reached the old fort, and he paused there for a while to rest himself. Any one but he would have felt un-

he had been accustomed to toil among fires and forges. He had a shock of coarse black hair that stood out from his head in all directions, and bore an ax on his shoulder.

He scowled for a moment at Tom with a pair of great red eyes.

"What are you doing in my grounds?" said the black man, with a hoarse growling voice.

"Your grounds?" said Tom, with a sneer; "no more your grounds than mine: they belong to Deacon Peabody."

"Deacon Peabody be d—d," said the stranger, "as I flatter myself he will be, if he does not look more to his own sins and less to his neighbors. Look yonder, and see how Deacon Peabody is faring."

Tom looked in the direction that the stranger pointed, and beheld one of the great trees, fair and flourishing without, but rotten at the core, and saw that it had been nearly hewn through, so that the first high wind was likely to blow it down. On the bark of the tree was scored the name of Deacon Peabody.

He now looked round and found most of the tall trees marked with the names of some great men of the colony, and all more or less scored by the ax. The one on which he had been seated, and which had evidently just been hewn down, bore the name of Crowninshield; and he recollected a mighty rich man of that name, who had made a vulgar display of wealth, which it was whispered he had acquired by buccaneering.

"He's just ready for burning!" said the black man, with a growl of triumph. "You see I am likely to have a good stock of firewood for winter."

"But what right have you," said Tom, "to cut down Deacon Peabody's timber?"

"The right of prior claim," said the other. "This woodland belonged to me long before one of your white-faced race put foot upon the soil."

"And pray, who are you, if I may be so bold?" said Tom.

"Oh, I go by various names. I am the Wild Huntsman in some countries; the Black Miner in others. In this neighborhood I am known by the name of the Black Woodsman. I am he to whom the red men devoted this spot, and now and then roasted a

white man by way of sweet-smelling sacrifice. Since the red men have been exterminated by you white savages, I amuse myself by presiding at the persecutions of Quakers and Anabaptists; I am the great patron and prompter of slave dealers, and the grand master of the Salem witches."

"The upshot of all which is, that if I mistake not," said Tom sturdily, "you are he commonly called 'Old Scratch.'"

"The same at your service!" replied the black man, with a half civil nod.

Such was the opening of this interview, according to the old story, though it has almost too familiar an air to be credited. One would think that to meet with such a singular personage in this wild, lonely place would have shaken any man's nerves; but Tom was a hard-minded fellow, not easily daunted, and he had lived so long with a termagant wife that he did not even fear the devil.

It is said that after this commencement they had a long and earnest conversation together as Tom returned homeward. The black man told him of great sums of money which had been buried by Kidd the pirate under the oak trees on the high ridge not far from the morass. All these were under his command and protected by his power, so that none could find them but such as propitiated his favor. These he offered to place within Tom Walker's reach, having conceived an especial kindness for him, but they were to be had only on certain conditions.

What these conditions were may easily be surmised, though Tom never disclosed them publicly. They must have been very hard, for he required time to

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Lincoln Cathedral

willing to linger in this lonely, melancholy place, for the common people had a bad opinion of it from the stories handed down from the time of the Indian wars, when it was asserted that the savages held incantations here and made sacrifices to the evil spirit. Tom Walker, however, was not a man to be troubled with any fears of the kind.

He reposed himself for some time on the trunk of a fallen hemlock, listening to the boding cry of the tree-toad, and delving with his walking-staff into a mound of black mold at his feet. As he turned up the soil unconsciously, his staff struck against something hard. He raked it out of the vegetable mold, and lo! a cloven skull, with an Indian tomahawk buried deep in it, lay before him. The rust on the weapon showed the time that had elapsed since this death-blow had been given. It was a dreary memento of the fierce struggle that had taken place in this last foothold of the Indian warriors.

"Humph!" said Tom Walker, as he gave the skull a kick to shake the dirt from it.

"Let that skull alone!" said a gruff voice.

Tom lifted up his eyes and beheld a great black man, seated directly opposite him on the stump of a tree.

He was exceedingly surprised, having neither seen nor heard any one approach, and he was still more perplexed on observing as well as the gathering gloom would permit, that the stranger was neither negro nor Indian.

It is true, he was dressed in a rude, half Indian garb, and had a red belt or sash swathed round his body, but his face was neither black nor copper color, but swarthy and dingy and begrimed with soot, as if

Five Thousand Dollars

Winona Godfrey.

Two Part Story—Part I.

HERE is the five thousand," the Chicago man's voice came distinctly to my ears as I put another sheet in the type-writer. "I've got the cash right here—five one thousand dollar bills and I want this business clinched on the instant."

My little den was merely a corner of Dent, Senior's, private office, partitioned off, and when my door was open, I could not help hearing all that was said therein. "All right," said Mr. Dent, and there was a little pause during which I knew that he was writing a receipt. As I went on with the correspondence I heard a few more words, then the door closed behind the gentleman from Chicago.

Almost unconsciously I paused and stared gloomily out of my window. Five thousand dollars! How little to some people, how much to others. What it would mean to me with an invalid mother and Brother Dick in another scrape. O, for five thousand dollars to ship him away off somewhere to start in all over again. A movement in the office recalled me to present duty, and again I attacked the typewriter valiantly.

Mr. Dent's sudden voice from my very doorway made me jump.

"Miss Alison," he said, sharply. I looked up startled.

"Yes." Something compelling in his gaze brought me to my feet.

"You heard Mr. Dunn go out?" he asked.

"I think I heard the door close," I replied, wondering at his manner.

"Did you hear me step behind the screen?"

In the opposite corner was a marble bowl with running water, shut from sight by a screen.

"No."

"Did you hear anyone enter or leave the room?"

"No."

He turned away as abruptly as he had come, fumbled at his desk a moment, and then went himself into the outer office, instead of ringing for Reddish as was his custom. I naturally wondered what had happened, but as it did not seem to concern me particularly, and as Mr. Dent came back in a few minutes, seating himself at his desk without comment, I went on with my work serenely enough.

A quarter of an hour passed, then Reddish opened the door, announcing an evidently expected caller.

"Mr. Burton, sir."

Mr. Burton entered briskly.

"I come from Headquarters, Mr. Dent," he announced in a business-like manner.

"Sit down, Mr. Burton," said Dent. "We have just lost," he continued, evenly, "in a very peculiar manner, five thousand dollars."

At this totally unexpected revelation, my heart leaped into my mouth.

"Indeed," Mr. Burton's tone took on a professional interest. "What were the circumstances?"

"About half an hour ago," began Mr. Dent, deliberately, and I knew that he had tilted back in his office-chair and was drumming noiselessly on its arms with his finger-tips. "I received from a Mr. Dunn—Charles A. Dunn of Chicago—five one thousand dollar bills. I put the money in this small drawer for the moment while I wrote a receipt. I was sitting exactly where I am now, he where you are. He went out almost immediately, and left the building. I went to the washstand behind that screen and washed my hands, came directly to the desk, opened the drawer and the money was gone."

He had not lowered his voice and I knew that I was intended to hear.

"Very strange," said the detective. "Was there any one else in the room when you received the money?"

"We were alone except for Miss Alison yonder."

"Ah," the detective turned quickly and looked in my direction. His tone said plainly that here was new light. "That door?" indicating the one opening into the next room, opposite that opening into the outer office.

"My son's office—he has been away all day and the door is locked."

The detective must have motioned to call me, for the next moment Mr. Dent called sharply. "Miss Alison." And my heart sank unaccountably as I obeyed the summons. I could read Burton's mind like print. "You can't always tell by their looks," he was thinking, "she's the one."

I could not help returning his look a little defiantly.

"You heard and saw nothing, Miss Alison?" he spoke as though he knew my reply before hand.

"Nothing," I answered as coolly as I could.

"Can you hear from your office what is being said in this room?" was the next question.

"When my door is open and I am not using the typewriter."

"Did you, in this instance, hear any conversation?"

"I did hear Mr. Dunn mention five thousand dollars."

The detective's face exhibited a trace of satisfaction at this admission.

"Did you hear Mr. Dent go to the washstand?"

"I may have heard him moving about but I paid no attention."

The detective turned again to my employer.

"Mr. Dent, while you were behind the screen, you heard no movement in the room?"

"None."

Burton paused significantly as if to give dramatic effect to his next question.

"Not even Miss Alison's typewriter?"

Mr. Dent hesitated.

"No," he said, slowly.

The detective gave a little shrug which said more triumphantly than words, "There you have it!"

Why had I paused that one fateful moment to covet five thousand dollars, when the continued click of my typewriter would have proved my alibi—certain evidence that I had not stirred from my desk!

I stood dumbly before them, my very silence evidence against me, yet what could I say?

Burton wore an air of having solved everything. Mr. Dent swung a little way around in his chair and then back again.

"Miss Alison," he said, finally, "we may as well be perfectly frank. Appearances are very much against you, but I assure you that I am exceedingly loath to believe in them. Can you make any statement that would help to clear up this unfortunate affair?"

"I'm afraid not," I murmured, choking with humiliation. "I can only say that I never left my chair until you called me just now. You may search me if you wish," I finished, indignantly.

"Well," he pondered a moment, not looking at me. I could see that both men were entirely convinced of my guilt. Then he turned to the detective.

"Mr. Burton, you will use every means in your power to unravel this mystery. In the meantime"—he hesitated—"we will see what happens."

Doubtless, what he expected to happen was that I would return the money.

With tears of rage in my eyes, I put on my hat, the office force had gone home during our colloquy. Mr. Dent looked up as I opened the door.

"Report as usual, Miss Alison," he said. "And," noting my distress, "I hope everything will come out all right."

Blind and deaf to everything about me, I walked home. I was dazed, I could not reason it out, I could not think, I could only keep asking myself, "Who did take it? Who did take it?"

At home, Mother was having a 'spell,' and I dared not mention having troubles of my own. Dick had not been home all day nor did he come that night. I lay thinking and surmising half the night, my thoughts going round in a panic-stricken and purposeless circle. At last I pulled myself up short. Something had to be done. Some one had taken the money and there must be some solution of the problem if one could only find it. I cudgeled my wits, summoned all my ingenuity to no purpose—there was no clue.

Dent and the detective knew that I was the thief because, to the extent of their knowledge, they had eliminated all other possibilities. I, knowing my own innocence, could eliminate that—and what remained?

I left the house at the usual time, noticing as I closed the door, a man sauntering at the corner. He lifted his hat as I came up and fell into step without apology—it was Burton.

"You will understand, Miss Alison," he said, quietly, evidently sensing my displeasure, "that it is my unpleasant duty to seem to persecute you. Circumstances, not I, are responsible for your position, and, believe me, this obduracy can gain you nothing."

"Mr. Burton," I replied, icily, "I regret exceedingly that I have not the five thousand dollars in my hand-bag, and could, by handing it over, end the whole affair, but unfortunately, I haven't it, never did have it, never saw it, and never want to—so I am quite at your mercy."

He looked bewildered for a moment.

"I can hardly believe the evidence of my senses, your manner is so convincing and yet—" he shrugged his shoulders.

I made no reply.

"I have one, possibly two, bits of news for you this morning," he added. "I have learned from Mr. Dunn that those bills happened to be marked."

He paused to note the effect of his words—there was none. "Perhaps you are aware that your brother took a west-bound train last night?"

This did have an effect, not only because I was annoyed with Dick for running away from his little scrape, but also because I could not avoid realizing that this was indirectly a damaging point against me, against both of us.

"Unlucky Dick," I murmured.

We walked on in silence. Finally Burton paused.

"Well, it's up to you, Miss Alison," he said, "and really I, wish you luck." And he left me, having failed in his plan to frighten me into returning the

money, by warning me that I could not hope to dispose of it safely, and by trying to implicate Dick.

Mr. Dent was not down yet, and when I had taken off my things, I stood looking aimlessly around the room, whimsically wondering if the fly I saw crawling on my employer's desk had not seen the theft, and could, by conjuring up a voice, clear me.

As I stood there, a scene from the play "Raffles" came into my mind—where the detective reconstructs the scene which had taken place behind his back by imagining his own movements in the thief's place. Dent's desk was without the range of vision from my open door and from the screened washstand, the door opening into the outer office was plainly visible from both; consequently, the only way in which one might enter unseen was from the inner office—that of Dent, Jr. But this led into the wall again, for the door had been locked, its occupant gone.

No one had fore-knowledge of the coming of this money, it was an unplanned happening, therefore it must have been stolen on the impulse of the moment, and since that was the only accessible point, from Harry Dent's office. Here again it was absurd to imagine that Harry Dent would steal the firm's own money, and no one else had access to his office—that I knew of. Yet absurd or not, I knew that money had been taken by some person from that room—locked door and all.

(Concluded in February)

Where Life is Joy

By Martha S. Lippincott

Every bird and humble-bee
Seems to sing a song to me,
Telling me of all the charms
Nature keeps out on the farms.

Birds and bees and butterflies
Sailing 'neath the bluest skies,
Happy all the livelong day,
To with Mother Nature, stay.

Little flowers sweetly bloom
Everywhere they can find room;
While the stately trees look on
And their emerald robes will don.

In the grasses on the ground
Nature's carpet will be found.
Just as beautiful a green
As will anywhere be seen.

In the forests, I can hear
Bird notes, soft and sweet and clear,
That will thrill my heart with joy,
As they would a happy boy.

And I worship Nature's charms
That she gathers in her arms,
To be making earth so fair;
Nothing can with them compare.

Seasonable Warnings

Tired feelings in the morning may come from too heavy bed-clothes.

It is foolish and unnecessary for most people to get housed up for the winter. The human animal cannot hibernate.

Keep the mouth closed when out of doors or when going from one room to a room of colder temperature, breathing through the nose.

Ventilate your sleeping rooms where you spend one-third of your lives. Too many people poison themselves with the noxious exhalations of the night hours.

Don't try to prevent colds and illness by coddling. Create a vigorous, healthful body by proper eating, proper exercise, proper clothing, proper bathing, and by proper medication if ill.

Under-woolens should be as heavy as needed for warmth, but of loose texture and loose fitting. Such garments are warmer than tight-woven ones which are impervious to air and moisture.

The skin is the great regulator of bodily warmth. If kept clean and active it contracts on exposure to cold and keeps the warmth in. If allowed to become clogged with dirt or excretions its regulating function is lost and it radiates heat as does any solid body. For this reason daily cool baths throughout the winter are advisable for all except the very feeble or aged.

When moving into a new home, the Germans repeat this little prayer, "Take from us, O Lord our God! all heartaches and homesickness and all trouble, and grant us health and happiness where we kindle our fire.—*The Pilgrim.*"

Ducks for Profit

The Best Breeds; Methods of Raising, Proper Food

DUCK raising has been developed within the last twenty years into a flourishing industry. Prior to that time the duck was not considered a profitable fowl to raise; its flesh was never prized very highly by the masses. Ducks were raised without constraint in waterways, feeding mostly on fish and water insects. This food gave the flesh a strong fishy flavor; hence it was not particularly sought after, save by the few who were partial to that class of diet. The duck centers of Long Island and New England were then producing a limited number each season, and it was with difficulty that these were sold with any profit. In fact, one of the most prominent duck raisers may be quoted as saying that he was obliged to visit the city markets personally and tease the dealers to purchase his birds, in order to secure anything like satisfactory prices.

Artificial incubation and brooding, combined with judicious feeding, have been instrumental in the development of the industry. Machinery has enabled the duck raiser to accomplish his ambition of having his stock in the markets when prices are the best, and also of raising large numbers of birds in a limited space of time. The season for raising ducks is about six months—from February to July, inclusive.

Duck raising is to be recommended to farmers as a profitable source of revenue; and by careful attention to the work, as knowledge increases, the scope of the industry may be extended. There are numbers of farms in this country today that are devoted exclusively to raising ducks, averaging from 5,000 to 30,000 ducks as an annual output. An idea of the proportions of the business may be had from the fact that as high as three tons of feed are used daily by a single raiser during the busy season. The profits are the very best, and good incomes may be made when once the business is thoroughly mastered.

Duck raising is an arduous task; one that requires an apprenticeship and absolute knowledge of the business before success is reached. Those who have been successful in raising ducks have learned the business much as one does any other vocation. The beginner should start modestly, and increase his plant as his knowledge of the work increases. The average farmer has all the facilities for raising a goodly number of ducks, and may with a little outlay add considerably to his income.

It is not at all necessary that ducks should have access to water. There are successful plants where thousands of ducks are raised that have no water, save that which is given them as drink. It has been a matter of much dispute which is the better way. Some duck raisers use water and allow their breeders the freedom of it; some allow their growing stock intended for market free access to water until they are eight weeks old, when they are penned and fattened for market. On the other hand, there are raisers who have no water on their farms, excepting wells, who are just as successful and raise as many birds as those who have the water. The only noticeable difference between "upland" and "water" ducks is that the latter are of prettier and cleaner plumage than the former.

A plant to be successful should be situated within easy reach of a city market, either on a railroad line or trolley, and worn-out land that can be bought cheap will do perfectly well. Sandy soil is to be preferred, and the buildings so arranged that they may have good drainage. They should be so placed that the labor of caring for them can be reduced to a minimum, and the time of an attendant saved. Many farmers do not consider this important point.

The incubator cellar, brooding house, fattening pens, killing house and feed house should all be close together, since the task of feeding the growing stock four times and the breeding stock twice daily, is an important one. Watering also has to be considered, although this refers to drinking water only.

The houses for ducks can be extremely simple. They are plain, without perches or raised nest boxes.

A duck does not mind the cold if she can keep her feet warm. Cold feet will affect a duck as a frozen comb does a hen, retarding laying and inducing ailments. The feathers of a duck are almost impenetrable and will withstand almost any degree of cold. Again, a duck can not stand the amount of confinement in a house that a hen can; she is more restless in disposition and is given to exercise in a greater degree than is a hen. Indigestion is not so prevalent with ducks as with chickens; the duck's ceaseless motion aids the digestive organs and keeps her generally in good health.

If the house is well drained on the outside and the earth floor is covered with hay, straw, or leaves, it will be perfectly satisfactory. There must not be dampness in the house, as the birds will not do so well; while they are given to water on the outside they must have comfortable quarters in which to "warm up" or "dry out." The young ducklings, when taken from the nest or incubator, are very delicate and susceptible to the changes of the atmosphere; they must be kept very warm and free from chilling. The first three weeks of a duckling's life is the most critical period, and after that time the liabilities of loss are

reduced to a very low rate—hardly five to the hundred. The front of brooders for young ducklings should be hung with strips of woolen cloth to keep in the warmth of the brooder. The greatest care should be given them at this period; the duck raisers really consider it the most important part of their work, and after a bird has passed the "critical age" it may be counted on for the market. The duckling goes from the warm brooder house to the cold brooder house. When the birds are taken from the warm brooder house they are three weeks old and of sufficient age to withstand a cooler temperature. Ducklings are kept in the cold brooder house until they are six or seven weeks old, when they are transferred to larger "growing houses." It is here that they are pushed for the market until they are ten weeks old when they are salable. There is no heat in the growing houses, which are used only as a means of shelter during the early spring months. When the weather is well advanced, the ducks seldom take to the houses at night; they prefer the outside and spend their nights on the ground. The growing houses should be abundantly ventilated, as too close an atmosphere will do more harm in a single night than if they had not been housed at all.

A liberal supply of drinking water is absolutely essential to the growth of ducks, for their food is usually dry. Keep always a supply of pure fresh water in troughs convenient for their use. For smaller ducks, those kept in the warm brooder house, the fountain plan is to be preferred, as the youngsters can not get into the water and become wet or chilled.

The food of the duck is both vegetable and animal in nature and as it has no crop, the food passing



directly from the throat to the gizzard, the food must be in a soft mushy state. Too much hard food, such as grain, does not agree with these birds and they can not thrive on it. Soft food is their natural diet, together with grasses, vegetables, and animal food. The proper selection of the food is extremely important to secure the rapid growth of the duck, and the ingredients of the food must be such as will afford a well-balanced and substantial ration.

The following method has been found to produce excellent results:

1. From time of hatching to five days old provide the following mixture: Cracker or bread crumbs and corn meal, equal parts by measure; hard boiled eggs, fifteen per cent of the total bulk of crackers and meal; sand, five per cent of the total of crackers and meal. Mix with water or milk, and feed four times a day.
2. From five to twenty days old, the following mixture: Wheat bran, two parts by measure; corn meal, one part; rolled oats, fifty per cent of this bulk; beef scraps, five per cent; sand, five per cent; green food, ten per cent. Mix with water to a dry crumbly state and feed four times a day.
3. From twenty to forty-two days old, the following mixture: Wheat bran, two parts by measure; corn meal, one part; beef scraps, five per cent of this bulk; sand, five per cent; green food ten per cent. Mix with water to a dry crumbly state and feed four times a day.
4. From forty-two to seventy days old, the following mixture: Corn meal, two parts by measure; wheat bran, one part; beef scraps, ten per cent of this bulk; coarse sand or grit, five per cent; green food, ten per cent. Mix with water to a dry crumbly state and feed four times a day.

The hours for feeding are six a. m., ten a. m., two p. m., and six p. m.

The amount of feed needed each day for young ducks varies as much as does their growth. Their growth averages a half pound a week, and to make this increase of weight each week requires an additional quantity of food over the preceding one. The rule is, feed each meal what they will eat up clean with a relish, and do not allow them to linger over the feed trough. It is better they should have not enough than

too much, as they will be in a much better condition to relish the next meal. One thing is considered to be of as much importance as the feed, and that is removing the feed left over and thoroughly cleaning the troughs after each meal. This is scrupulously attended to by successful duck raisers. Grit in some form is essential to ducks, and should be kept before them at all times. Many overlook this fact, and do not seem to understand that it is of as much value to them as it is to chickens.

Eggs to hatch must have good, strong germs and must be laid by healthy stock. Debilitated, degenerated stock will not produce healthy and vigorous young. The health of the breeding stock must be promoted and everything done that will assist to increase the fertility of the egg. Comfortable houses, cleanliness, pure water, and above all wholesome and nutritious food, are the best promoters of health. The best stock to be had is none too good, and it is erroneous to send the earliest and best stock to market for the small increase in price, and save the later and inferior stock for breeding purposes. A continuation of this practice for a few years means degenerate stock, infertile eggs, weak germs, and large mortality among the newly hatched birds. There are twelve standard varieties of ducks raised in this country, as follows: The White Pekin, White Aylesbury, Colored Rouen, Black Cayuga, Cooled Muscovy, White Muscovy, Indian Runner, Gray Call, White Call, Black East India, Crested White, and Blue Swedish. Of these varieties, the first seven are considered profitable to raise; the two varieties of Calls and the Black East India are bantams, and are bred more for the showroom; the Crested White may be considered as almost purely ornamental, while at present but little is known of the Blue Swedish in this country. Of all ducks for farm and practical purposes none stands higher in popular esteem than the White Pekin. It is valuable for raising on a large scale and is the most easily raised of all. It is a very timid bird and must be handled quite carefully. It was imported from China in the early seventies, and has steadily grown in popularity since its introduction into this country.

Artificial Incubation

The subject of artificial incubation has engaged the attention of the civilized world for generations past; the method has done wonders for the poultry industry and has opened up the pathways to fortunes that might otherwise never have been made. The science of incubation and brooding has been developed wonderfully in this country during the last quarter of a century, and what seemed almost an impossibility then has indeed become a certainty now. There are many thousands of chicks and ducklings hatched by artificial means each year, and the numbers of good machines now being manufactured in this country at low prices make poultry raising a business that almost anyone with a limited capital may profitably engage in. The mission of an incubator is to supplant the sitting hen, and make it possible to hatch a large number of chicks at a minimum amount of cost and labor. That this can be done is proved each day.

For artificial incubation, have a room with a temperature as nearly uniform as possible. Balance the heat in the machines, or, in other words, see that the heat is uniform at both ends, and, in fact, all over them. See that each is running steadily before placing the eggs in it, as there is a great deal in starting right. The machines should be run at a temperature of 102° for the first three weeks, and 103° the last week. The eggs should be turned twice each day at regular periods. Introduce a pan of water from the fifteenth to the twenty-second day, no matter what the location of the machine, whether in a damp cellar or in a dry room overhead, in a moist atmosphere near the seashore or in a dry one at an altitude in the country. The temperature may go as high as 104° just previous to and while hatching without injury. Place the glass on a live egg after the animal heat rises, which will be when the circulation begins. This will be perceptible in good eggs the fourteenth and fifteenth days.

Considerable weight has been put upon the ventilation question in incubators by manufacturers and operators but it has been found that when the egg chamber is roomy, and the eggs are taken out and cooled twice each day, it is not of so much consequence. There is no doubt but that there must be some ventilation in the egg chamber but from the experience and observation of the writer the value of the subject has been overestimated by many. Some machines have top ventilation, some bottom, and others both top and bottom, and there is seemingly no marked difference in the hatching.

When the eggs are hatching, the broken egg shells should be removed once in every six or eight hours, so that they will not slip over the pipped eggs, as it would be sure death to the imprisoned ones. Occasionally a little bird is unable to free itself from the shell and needs help; the expert can readily detect when this is necessary.



Teddy's Country Visit

Harry Whittier Frees

Teddy came tearing into the nursery with a whoop, and threw his cap up against the ceiling. He was fairly bubbling over with joy.

"Why, Teddy!" exclaimed Mother Burley, reprovingly, from her chair by the window. "What a lot of noise! I'm afraid you're forgetting yourself."

"I just couldn't help it, mama," replied Teddy, somewhat ashamed of himself. "When school's over for the summer it makes a fellow feel bully—just as though he'd have to holler or he'd bust."

"But I thought you liked to go to school," she said. "So I do," declared Teddy promptly, "when it isn't summer."

Mother Burley smiled softly to herself. It was very easy to understand how Teddy felt.

At this moment a babyish voice was raised wailingly from the other room. "That's the result of your shouting," said Mother Burley. "You've disturbed your sister's nap."

"But it was nearly time for her to get awake anyway," argued Teddy. "I'll go in and bring her out."

A moment later he reappeared with a crumpled up bundle of white in his arms. All that was visible of Baby Ruth was a head of tangled curls, and two chubby little fists rubbing vigorously a pair of sleepy blue eyes.

As Mother Burley was slipping a clean pinafore over the baby's head, Ethel and Dorothy entered the room. "Oh mama!" exclaimed Ethel, delightedly, "what do you think? School ended today. Everyone thought surely we'd have to go another week."

"So Teddy told me," smiled Mother Burley, "only in a little different way."

"I yelled like a trooper," confessed Teddy. "You're the noisiest boy I know," declared Dorothy, who never failed to remind her brother of his faults.

"Well children," began Mother Burley, "as school is over for the term and we are all here together, I've got some news to tell you. Your Uncle Ned wants you to spend your vacation on his farm. Don't you think that will be nice?"

"Bully!" cried Teddy. "Uly!" mimicked Baby Ruth who had been gravely watching her brother's face, and had made a lisping effort to repeat what he had said.

Of course they all had to laugh, but Baby Ruth was still too young to understand the cause of their merriment. She sat looking from one to the other with big, bright, wondering eyes.

A few days later, after a great deal of preparation, the Burleys started on their trip to Meadowview. But before they left they made their papa promise that he would visit them every Sunday.

When they reached their destination they were given a hearty welcome by their Aunt Martha. Upon being told that Uncle Ned was at work in the hay-field, Teddy declared his intention of hunting him up. He was told which way to go and started off alone.

After walking up the road some little distance he saw a loaded hay-wagon coming toward him, and who should be sitting on top, driving, but his Uncle Ned. "Hello!" shouted Teddy at the top of his voice.

"Well, I declare!" replied Uncle Ned, with a laugh. "If it isn't Teddy! Want to come up?" he asked, as he pulled in the horses.

Teddy nearly nodded his head off he was so anxious. He struggled over the wheel and climbed up the short ladder in front, until Uncle Ned was able to grasp him by the arm. Then he was whisked off his feet and deposited on top of the load.

"I'll bet it's fun to ride like this all day," he declared, delightedly, as he gazed over the surrounding fields.

"I thought so myself," replied Uncle Ned, "when I was a youngster about your size. But I don't care so much for it now. I guess I'm getting used to it."

But Teddy failed to understand how anyone could possibly get used to such a delightful sensation of

riding so high up in the air. Every city boy he knew regarded it as the finest treat in the world.

The following day he decided to go fishing in the creek running back of the meadow. As he was getting ready Ethel asked to go along.

"Girls can't fish," he answered, scornfully. But the real reason was that he did not care to bother with his sister.

"But I can sit on the bank and watch you," pleaded Ethel. "And maybe I can learn."

Teddy finally gave a reluctant consent and as they were leaving the house their Aunt Martha called them back.

"I wouldn't go through the pasture if I were you," she said to Teddy. "Uncle Ned has added a new cow to the herd lately which he thinks is apt to be ugly. She might chase you."

"Oh I'm not afraid!" boasted Teddy. "Benny Alton told me of a cow that wanted to chase him last summer, and he just stood still and pretended not to see it. And after the cow saw he wasn't a bit afraid of her why she just walked off. You must let 'em see you're not scared."

"But all cows are not alike," advised Aunt Martha, with a smile. "And it will be much safer by the road—especially for a little boy and girl," she added. She returned to her work thinking they would follow her advice.

But Teddy thought differently. While the road was only a little further around, in fact, skirted the pasture, yet he did not want it to appear as though he had been afraid. Ethel, however, refused to accompany him and went by way of the road.

Some minutes later she came tearing back to the house, nearly frightened out of her senses.

"Oh Aunt Martha!" she gasped, tearfully. "Teddy's up a tree in the pasture and a big red cow wants to kill him! Oh please come quick! Maybe he can't hold on much longer."

Uncle Ned, who was working in the garden nearby, hurried to Teddy's rescue and chased the animal away. It would have been hard to find a happier boy than the one who dropped into Uncle Ned's arms from the lowest branch of the sycamore tree.

When they got back to the house Teddy told of his adventure.

"But, Teddy," reminded Aunt Martha, smilingly, "how about standing still and pretending not to see the cow? Surely you must have thought of that?"

"I—I was afraid she couldn't stop in time," faltered Teddy, uneasily. "She—she was coming so fast!"

And he felt very much flustered when everybody laughed so heartily. But it taught him a lasting lesson; not only to heed the advice of those older and wiser than himself, but to remember at all times that a brave person is never boastful.

The Magic Twig

When the Princesses of the Kingdom of Dreams and Rainbows grow up each comes into possession of a fair garden, which she is left to keep and use as she judges best.

Some allow their gardens to run to waste and weeds; some will not spare a single fruit or blossom without grudge, thinking to use all for themselves, until, lo! the flowers fade and the fruit drops, and none have been the better for their growing; and some are over-generous, and plunder their gardens to please the selfish and careless.

Most foolish of all these foolishly lavish princesses was a certain fair princess, whose garden was one of the sweetest and fairest, where all were fair and fruitful. From far and near came birds, and sang and nested in the trees, for the heart of the princess sang so of gentleness and love and joy that they feared her no more than they feared each other.

Sleeping and waking, she had visions of a great fair garden wherein grew a tree of life, whose fruits were for all, and whose very leaves were for healing; and in that garden flowed the pure river of the water of life. And the song of her heart echoed somewhat the

musical flow of the river; and because of her knowledge of that tree of wonderful fruit and leaf she was the more eager to give of the fruit of her own garden to the travellers on the king's highway.

Now, her garden lay by the side of this highway, and out of pure friendliness and compassion for many dusty and weary wayfarers she set wide the gate, that all who would might enter and rest, and be gladdened and refreshed by fruits and flowers.

But those who went in were only drawn by the pleasantness of the place and for what they could get therein, and cared for neither the princess nor for the welfare of her garden. There were even some who laughed at the song of her heart, as there are some who will stone the singing birds; and all took her offerings carelessly, and, having eaten of the fruits, many flung the refuse at the nesting birds, or shook the trees for the wicked pleasure of seeing the fruit fall.

So presently the plants and trees were bare, and none had been bettered by the things given to them, because they had received those things so thanklessly, and, although the princess thought of the tree of life and said to herself: "No one should give to get aught again," she began to shrink a little from people when she learned how loveless and cruel they could be; and she grew less glad to see new wayfarers, since, her garden falling to emptiness, she has less to give, and was therefore ashamed.

At length the troubled birds forsook the trees, and, although new notes of courage and patience came into the song of her heart, she missed the sweet birds.

More and more, as she looked around on the desolation of bank and nook, which had been green and blossomy, and were now trampled and torn, the song of her heart dwindled to the few notes of courage and patience, and even these she sang at length by effort, because she felt that the little song helped herself only, and pleased no one.

Thus sadly she was thinking one fair summer day when a stranger approached the gate of her garden. His mien told more of friendliness toward all than of longing for pleasure from any, and most of all it told of love for the princess, so that for one bright moment she was pleased and comforted by his kindly presence.

Then she remembered, and, pointing to the bare trees and trampled flowers, said remorsefully:

"See, my best things are all given away; do not waste longer time here."

But the stranger said: "Let me wait and help you to make your garden fair again."

"Nay," she sighed, "for the roots are shrivelled and the soil is dry."

"But underground there is a magic well of pure water flowing," replied the stranger.

"Why do you think so?" asked the astonished princess.

"Because such flowers and fruits as those of your garden never yet grew save from soil watered by a spring fed, though unseen, by that river of living water which refreshes the whole earth," he replied. "I have the power which divines such wells. Come!" And from the folds of his robe he took a tiny forked twig, which turned and twisted in his fingers as he held it.

Following its turnings, the two came to where the ruin of the garden seemed greatest, and there the twig was still. Then the stranger and the princess moved fragments of rock and soil, and masses of dead leaves, and dug deep, deeper, and yet deeper, until they heard the pleasant sound of deep, gently flowing water.

Then they laughed together for very joy, and as the water flowed forth over the shrivelled roots and trampled turf the sound thereof made harmony to their laughter.

And at the magic touch of the water the garden grew green again, and smiled anew with blossom.

"Now," begged the magician of the twig, "give me of your flowers." But, suddenly abashed, the princess said:

"Nay! For what are any flowers of mine to one who can reach to the very fountain of their life?"

"It was given to me to divine the well that your garden might be refreshed," he responded; "and it is given to you to have things of sweetness that you might give them away."

"I have given so foolishly; there are wiser princesses than I," murmured the princess, still abashed.

But still the stranger pleaded. "It is you whom I want, and no wiser princess; do not bid me go from your garden."

And her heart urged her for love of his kindly presence, saying: "Give wisely, now! Please him, if you can."

So these two staid together in the garden; and the birds came back to the trees; and flowers for pleasure and fruit for sustenance failed not there, for the garden was kept fresh by the magic well whose springs were from the river of living water.

The Lodgepole Pine

Range, Size, Rate of Growth, and Use of a Tree of Increasing Importance

The lodgepole pine gained its name from its wide use by the Indians as a support for their tepees. Since the Indians of the Rocky Mountain region dragged their lodge poles to the plains when on hunting trips, a timber of requisite might but smaller diameter was sought, and this the lodgepole pine provided without trimming. The names of white pine, black pine, spruce, and tamarack are also applied locally. In Wyoming, lodgepole pine is more numerous than any other tree, and it is largely represented in the forests of Colorado, Utah, Montana, and Idaho, and to some extent in Washington, Oregon, and California. It grows from sea level to 11,000 feet elevation, and is noted for its variable form and quality. In the Rocky Mountains the wood is lighter in weight and color, less resinous, and straighter grained than on the Pacific coast.

Lodgepole pine attains an age of from 100 to 300 years. It quickly succumbs to fire on account of its thin bark, but to a certain extent guards against extinction by this cause by producing fertile cones at the early age of from six to ten years. Reseeding after a fire is favored also by the persistence of the cones, some of which do not shed their seeds for a number of years, and by the readiness with which the seeds germinate on mineral soil of burned-over land. A large proportion of the seeds germinate; they are usually borne annually and in large quantities; and since they are small and light, they are carried by the wind as far as 200 yards from the seed tree.

The yield runs as high as 20,000 board feet per acre, though it does not often run over 7,000 board feet. The tree is of small size, seldom exceeding eighteen inches in diameter and ninety feet in height, but it usually forms dense stands. It is valuable for poles, hewed ties, mine props, stulls, logging poles, converter poles, and box boards. The demand for lodgepole pine for hewed ties is especially strong for two reasons: the wood hews easily, and, since the common size of the tree is from eleven to fourteen inches in diameter breast-high, there is little hewing to be done. Experiments on a large scale looking toward the use of lodgepole for paper pulp will be tried by the purchasers of timber from one of the National Forests. The rate of growth is very slow after the first few years.

Three of the largest timber sales of the Forest Service are of lodge-pole pine. One of 165 million board feet is in the Medicine Bow National Forest on the Colorado-Wyoming line, and one of fifty million board feet in each the Big Horn Forest (in Wyoming) and the Hell Gate Forest (in Montana). In the Hell Gate sale the saw timber brings four dollars per thousand and the converter poles ten cents each. Cordwood is also included in the contract, so that every stick of the trees marked for removal down to two and one-half inches is taken. Utilization is almost as complete as in a German forest.

Circular 126 of the Forest Service, available upon application to the Forester at Washington, contains tables showing the average number of lodgepole pine trees per acre and the associated species in Wyoming and Montana. The principal associated trees are Douglas fir, Engelmann spruce, and alpine fir, though tamarack, western white pine, and western yellow pine occur also in some places with lodgepole pine. The Douglas fir decreases and Engelmann spruce increases in the mixture going south from Montana through Wyoming, Idaho, and Colorado.

Lodgepole pine grows a little taller on the average in Montana than in Wyoming, a twelve-inch tree in Montana having a height of seventy-four feet, and in Wyoming sixty-nine feet. The growth is very slow in all localities, though a little faster

in Montana than Wyoming. In 100 years the average diameter in the former State is eleven inches and in the latter from seven to ten inches.

A sixteen-inch tree sixty feet high contains 160 board feet, Scribner rule, eighty feet high 230 board feet, and 100 feet high 315 board feet. The bark is very thin, trees over eight inches in diameter having only six per cent of their entire volume in bark. The solid contents of a sixteen-inch tree sixty feet high is about 40 1/2 cubic feet, but if eighty feet high it is forty-eight cubic feet. For each cubic foot of volume a six-inch tree will produce four board feet of round-edged box boards, a ten-inch tree will produce 5.6 board feet, the factor rising to 6.5 board feet per cubic foot in a twenty-two-inch tree.

An average of 292 twelve-inch trees cut for ties showed the following number of ties for different heights—sixty feet 3.2 ties, seventy feet 3.5 ties, eighty feet 4.1 ties, and ninety feet 4.5 ties, besides considerable material for mine props, cut from the tops.

In a stand averaging seventy feet in height a twelve-inch tree will contain a forty-foot pole with a seven-inch top, a sixteen-inch tree will contain a fifty-foot pole, and a twenty-inch tree a fifty-five-foot pole.

Thirty-eight years ago lodgepole pine was cut for railroad ties in southern Wyoming. Only the best trees were taken and the trees left are now approaching merchantable size. By the settlers, lodgepole pine is used for many purposes, especially for house logs, fuel, and fencing. Because of its tendency to decay when set in the ground, fences are built on top of the ground and braced, thus increasing the life of the "post" from three or five to fifteen years. Preservative treatment, is now being introduced, which will greatly enhance the value of the wood for posts, telephone poles, ties, and mine timbers. Railroad companies are already treating ties on a large scale at Laramie and Sheridan, Wyo.

A Bridge of Mahogany

Valuable Wood Used in Mexican Structure for Pedestrians and Teams

As mahogany is among the most costly woods in the world, it may well be inferred that this tropical material is not very extensively employed in the construction of buildings, etc. A bridge constructed of solid mahogany is certainly a rarity, a curiosity. There is one, claimed to be the only one in the world, built of that material. This structure is located in the Department of Palenque, State of Chiapas, Republic of Mexico. This district lies in the extreme southwestern part of Mexico, near the boundary line of Guatemala.



This mahogany bridge is constructed entirely of that valuable wood except some iron supports, braces and nails that are necessary. The bridge spans the Rio Michol and its total length, including approaches, exceeds 150 feet, while the width is fifteen feet. It is used by both teams and pedestrians and though somewhat rude and primitive in construction, it is very substantial.

None of the timbers of the floorings were sawed, for in that region there are no sawmills, but were hewn and split.

In that section of old Mexico there are several very large rubber plantations and mahogany trees are quite common. In clearing away the tropical forests for setting out the young rubber trees the mahogany growths are also cut down and removed. As this wood is quite abundant, some of it was used in building the bridge.

Concerning Trees and Flowers

Alonzo Rice

Mahogany trees do not grow in clusters, but are scattered throughout the forests and hidden in a dense growth of underbrush, vines and creepers, and require a skillful and experienced woodsman to find them. He seeks the highest ground in a forest, climbs to the top of the tallest tree and surveys the surrounding country. The mahogany has a peculiar foliage and his practiced eye soon detects the trees within sight.

The mignonette is a native of the dry, hot climate of Africa, and requires a dry, sandy, and rather poor soil to bring it rapidly to perfection. It is wonderful how little soil and moisture it requires. A gardener states that the finest plant he ever saw grew out of the middle of an old wall, and hung down to the length of three feet. The seed was accidentally blown into the crevice when he was sowing the border, and the plant thus produced was far more healthy and vigorous than any of those at the foot of the wall.

There are two hundred species of roses in existence, though perhaps not more than fifty clearly defined families. Of these families, two are of American birth. There are thousands of

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AMONG OUR FLOWERS

The Stately Iris

Florence Beckwith

AMONG the many beautiful hardy ornamental plants, none is more worthy of consideration than the Iris, or more desirable for cultivation. Its stately growth, the quaint and classic form of its blossoms with their wonderful diversity and range of colors and delicacy of texture, its long season of bloom and freedom of flowering entitle it to a place in every collection of plants.

There are several classes of Iris, but the German, Japanese, Spanish and English are best adapted to cultivation in our gardens. Coming into blossom at slightly different seasons, they form a continuity of bloom for several weeks, and beautifully fill in the time between the flowering of the tulips, hyacinths and other early bulbs and the roses and peonies.

Iris Germanica, or the German Iris, is the most popular species, and, all things considered, probably the best for general cultivation. It is particularly desirable both on account of its beauty and its ease of culture. It will adapt itself to any situation, will grow in any soil, and stand any sort of treatment. I do not mean by this that it does not appreciate good treatment, but that it will do its best to blossom under conditions that would discourage almost any other plant, and will even survive absolute neglect.

In the old-time gardens, Iris Germanica, under the common name of Flower-de-luce, had ever a place with the time-honored, crimson-flowered peony. Then for a while, for some unknown reason, it seemed to lose its popularity and was often relegated to the outskirts of the garden, against the fence, or sometimes even thrown out on the roadside, where it was not discouraged, however, but seemingly rejoiced in its freedom and formed beautiful large clumps.

But there were always a few flower-lovers who had strength of mind sufficient to continue to cultivate this really noble plant, even when it was not popular. They sometimes rescued these despised clumps from the roadside and transplanted them to their gardens, where they nobly held their own among the most valued plants. Now these flower-lovers have their reward in seeing this old-time plant come once again into favor with an innumerable and constantly increasing number of varieties, reaching up into the hundreds.

The flowers of all the German Irises are very large and they show an astonishing diversity of shades. Among the hues and colors represented are the richest yellows, the intensest purples, the most delicate blues, the softest mauves. There are also primroses and bronzes of every imaginable shape, and pure white blooms which glisten in the sunshine or gleam like silver in the soft moonlight. In some the standards and falls are of beautifully contrasting but harmonious colors; in others a dainty network of venations adds diversity and beauty to the blossoms. The eye dwells upon a bed of these plants in full bloom with ever increasing delight; there is such freshness of tint, such delicacy of structure and such infinite variety, that every glance gives additional pleasure.

The German Iris thrive best in a good deep soil, in an open situation. Planted singly they soon form clumps, each of which will send up several flower stems bearing a number of beautiful blossoms. They do not like to be disturbed. A mulch of fine manure or leaf-mould after the plants are well started in the spring will be all the attention needed. When absolutely necessary to divide them, on account of becoming crowded, do not take up the whole clump, but cut off a part of it with a sharp spade and fill in the hole made with rich soil or well-rotted manure.

October is usually considered the best time for dividing the clumps, though some think the roots are less liable to decay if they are divided in the spring, as they then begin to grow at once.

The German Irises are all so beautiful that it is almost superfluous to recommend any particular varieties. The following, however, are all desirable kinds: Madame Cherean, white with a feathered and undulated edge of light blue; Celeste, a beautiful light blue; Lutea, a fine yellow; Flava, pale yellow; L'Avenir, a beautiful shade of lavender; Liabaud, yellow and maroon; Sampson, golden yellow and crimson maroon; Sappho, lavender and rosy purple; Florentina, white tinged with blue and yellow. Florentina alba, pure white. The common, old-fashioned purple variety is still one of the finest.

Iris Germanica is particularly fine for massing in

various contrasts. If some yellow varieties are planted near light blue ones, a charming effect is produced. This species is also very desirable for cut flowers, especially for producing large decorative effects. Though a blossom lasts but a day, another is ready to take its place, and every bud on the stem will open.

Iris Kaempferi, or the Japan Iris, is quite different in appearance from the German species. The blossoms are larger and flatter. The plant is a very striking one in appearance when in flower, and many admire it more than the German, but I confess that the classic outlines and quaint form of the blossoms of the latter species please me best. It is, however, purely a question of individual taste, for the Japan Irises have fully as wide a range of color as the German ones, comprising blue, purple, rose, salmon, orange, maroon, brown, black and white, with stripes, blotches and veins that baffle description.

The flowers are of almost circular form, and from five to eight inches in diameter, sometimes, under ideal conditions, reaching even to twelve inches across.

There are both double and single varieties, and they

of a stream or pond, a magnificent display could be confidently counted upon. In ordinary garden culture the ground should be drenched several times a week, beginning in May and continuing while the plants are in bloom. After this the supply of water can be reduced, but the soil should never be allowed to become dry until after the first of August, if good plants are desired for next year's blooming.

The Japan Irises come into blossom later than the German, and thus the blooming season of these beautiful flowers may be prolonged through several weeks.

The Spanish Iris has quite a different manner of growth from the German and Japanese species. The roots are bulbous and should be planted in rich, loose, friable soil in a sunny but sheltered location, and allowed to stay there year after year without being disturbed. The foliage is narrow and grass-like, and the flowers are poised on the tip of a slender stem which sways to the breeze. The blossoms are smaller than those of the other species, quaint in form, more dazzling in color, and the markings are very distinct and varied. The colors range from pure white through innumerable shades of blue, gray, violet and purple, and the yellow tints are particularly fine, running into deep orange and merging into a velvety brown and bronzes of every imaginable degree of intensity. The combinations of colors in a single flower are sometimes audacious and startling, making a bed of them a continual and delightful study as long as they remain in bloom. They begin to blossom early in June and the flowers are beautiful for table decoration.

The English Irises grow from bulbs, like the Spanish strain, but the blossoms are larger and more resemble the Japanese. The colors comprise white and various shades of blue, purple and lilac, and the plants bloom in July. Like the Spanish Iris, they should be planted in a warm, sunny, sheltered location, and should not be disturbed so long as they are doing well. When necessary to transplant either of these species, see that the bulbs do not become dry or shrivelled.

If you are so fortunate as to have a stream of water or a pond on your premises, by all means plant some of our native Blue Flag and Iris pseudacorus on its margin and make a paradise for flower-lovers. These two varieties will also grow well in a thoroughly damp spot, and few things are more beautiful than a large clump of Iris pseudacorus with its golden blossoms gleaming in the mid-day sun.

Iris Susiana, the mourning Iris, has a very peculiar blossom, altogether different from any other variety. It is one of the largest and boldest of the family, of a very striking and oriental type, and really one of the most singular flowers of the temperate and northern climes. The gray ground of the blossom is singularly and beautifully veined and spotted with blackish brown and purple, and it has a brown beard. It is not entirely hardy at the north. It should be taken up after blooming and replanted very late in the fall, to prevent its making too much growth before winter and thus rendering it more liable to be injured by the frost, or it may be stored through the cold weather and planted out very early in the spring. It is worth taking some extra pains with on account of its oddity.

The various species of Iris, taken singly or as a whole, furnish an unrivaled class of plants for the garden or hardy border. Their foliage is never affected even by dust or smoke and it makes an attractive feature in the garden after the blossoms have passed away. No other flowers can be obtained in such beauty and variety for so small an amount of money, or that will afford so much pleasure for so little care. Every possessor of a garden spot can afford at least a few plants, and the stock can be gradually increased by purchase or exchange until a fine collection is obtained.

The Calla Lily

Mrs. C. J. Drury

The Calla lily has been a favorite house plant for more than a century. Its old name "calla" was especially appropriate, because it means beautiful but it is now known as *Richardia*.

There are few flowers that give more general satisfaction than this. It is of very easy culture. It is best grown in a good sized jar partially filled with rich loam and sand covered with pebbles and water. About blooming time it thrives best if the water given is a little warm—not hot as some advise. The leaves should be kept clean and perfectly free from dust.

The little bulbs which grow about the main one should not be removed too soon, nor yet allowed to re-



German Iris

are mottled and striped and veined and fringed and variegated in the most bewildering way, and some have golden centers with halos of white and blue, altogether making most showy and magnificent flowers.

The Japanese names, or the translations of them, make one wonder what there is in the flowers to suggest some of the appellations, such as the "Dancing Tiger" and the "Excited Bear". Others, more poetical, like "Waves on Moonlight," "Sky Amidst the Cloud," "Boundless Sea," "Frost Moonlight," are more easily understood.

The Japan Irises naturally grow in water, and unless one can give them a moist situation they do not reach their full development of beauty, consequently few succeed as well with them as with the German varieties. If, however, one can give them a sunny location, good garden soil thoroughly enriched with well-decayed manure deeply dug in, and supply an abundance of water during the blooming time, a creditable and quite satisfactory display can be secured.

Planted in wet or marshy places, or on the margin

main too long as their growth might exhaust the resources of the parent plant.

When intended for winter bloom the plants should be allowed a rest during summer, if they have been exhausted by excessive blooming, but otherwise this is unnecessary. All young plants should be kept growing vigorously during the warm weather. Flowers may be had both summer and winter by a little judicious management, as the calla multiplies very fast and is not long in coming into bloom. It has been stated that English and French florists get bloom on plants grown from seed in one year's time, but if this be true it is better than most window-gardeners can do, even with bulbs. Perhaps some lovers of the Calla lily have not noticed that the pure white leaf or spathe is not really the flower of the plant. The true flowers are on the yellow, spindle-shaped prolongation of the stem and are protected by the more showy portion. These true flowers are of simple structure and are male and female, appearing like a mixture of stamens and pistils and a one celled ovary with six or eight ovules. Although the true flowers are thus inconspicuous, the large smooth green leaves of the plant surmounting the tall stems and the lovely white spathe guarding the yellow flower-covered spadix make this lily a very striking and ornamental member of the winter garden. It has also the very desirable habit of blooming well not only for a long time before Easter but as well on that important occasion.

By way of variety it is well to try the Dwarf Calla, the spotted leaved, the yellow and the black.

The Spanish Dagger.

George T. Drennan.

This is an old, but ever new plant. Widely common south and west of Virginia, the manner in which it has escaped culture proves the truth of the observation that nature has very few unoccupied places. *Yucca filamentosa* is the common Bear Grass distinguished by longer leaves, less rigid than others of its class.

Yucca aloifolia and *Y. gloriosa* are more sharply pointed and more truly deserve the common names Spanish Dagger and Spanish Bayonet. They are all alike evergreen, hardy and free. Impervious to heat and dust, and south of the Potomac and Ohio rivers, defiant of cold, few plants are more readily available if there is a desire to introduce them into the garden. All depends upon the position they occupy. They are all stiff; the only one of the family inclining to clumsy grace is *Y. filamentosa*. Given such positions as the two that stand at the entrance to the United States Barracks, New Orleans, one on each side of the gate, the scenic effect of the Spanish Dagger is fine. Bordering the street, ten or more feet apart, twenty or more of these plants in a broad view are striking and effective.

Isolated plants in spacious grounds, particularly in parks, compare favorably with palms. They are naturally conspicuous, winter and summer, but are not plants with refined features, even when in bloom. Yet we all know that a certain number of coarse or heroic plants are indispensable in shrubberies, to define boundaries, and to mark sites. When in full bloom the Spanish Dagger is one of the most conspicuous plants in existence. From the centre of the plant, which spreads its heavy leaves evenly out and around on all sides, the tall, straight bloom stalk rises in midsummer or early autumn, according to climate, from five to ten feet, the inflorescence abundant. By hundreds the pendulous, cup-shaped, lily-like flowers, creamy white, emit an aromatic odor, scarcely to be called a perfume. In the moonlight or electric light the flowers are very showy. The contrast of the luminous white flowers with the dark green, leathery foliage, is such as few other plants create.

Under cultivation, the principal necessity is to keep the broad-blade leaves clean. Dust, soot and all the unaccountable accretions that dwell and darken evergreens find a willing victim in the Yucca. The leaves will take on a coat almost black, unless frequently and copiously showered with water. The hose can be turned on one of these plants, and the water thrown with a force that would knock an ordinary shrub to one side, or bruise and destroy bedding plants, without stir-

ring a leaf. They freshen and brighten if rain falls, but do not mind weeks and weeks of drought; no matter if everything else in the garden or park begins to wilt, the Yuccas hold their own.

Run wild they grow in any and all kind of soil. Sandy shores, washed by the waves; rocky defiles where mountains descend to the foot-hills; interior pine lands, rich or poor, and particularly upon old deserted home sites, the wild beauty of the Yuccas is a subject of general comment.

Shrubs and Their Care

L. Eugenie Eldridge

The shrubbery is the background of the garden. The more care and attention given it, the more attractive the garden.

The Forsythia, (Golden Bell) is a fine old shrub with glossy green leaves and bright yellow flowers blooming early in the spring. There are two varieties, *Suspensa*, and *Viridissima* and with the *Cydonia* (Japan Quince) are always welcome for their early blooming qualities.

The *Cydonia* is very hardy and very desirable in Northern latitudes as the flower buds put out before the leaves or at the same time of the leaf buds and are not injured by frosts. Both white and crimson varieties may be had but for common gardens the red is usually preferred, its brilliantly-colored flowers are so cheerful in the spring sunshine. It is low-branched in habit and needs the pruning shears to bring it into shape.

After shrubs bloom they rest a little before starting new growth. This is the time for pruning, then they will grow more graceful and shapely.

Midsummer is not too soon to trim the early bloomers, yet I think it is often delayed until late in summer or early fall and then the new growth is well set. The late summer flowering of course are not cut until later.

The Mock Orange, flowering early in June, needs quite close pruning, so also do the Spireas, although judgment should be used in not cutting the delicate varieties too closely.

The Van Houttei is the most hardy of all spireas.

The flowers are borne in masses, pure white, a snowbank of bloom. It pays to cultivate.

There is a shrub grown in some gardens, sometimes a row, known in the flower books as *Clethera Alnifolia* (Sweet Pepper Bush). It blooms toward midsummer. It is dense-growing in habit with upright spikes of creamy white flowers very fragrant and continuing in bloom a long time. It is in reality the Pepper Wood bush of the swamp brought up to high cultivation.

For late summer-blooming nothing can surpass the *Althaea* (Rose of Sharon). Its period of bloom extends into September and a few weeks later should be pruned and trimmed to shapely growth. There has been a beautiful *Althaea* (the true variety) in my own yard nearly forty years. It is the *Alba Plena*, bearing double white flowers, petals blotched at base with rich rose color. The parent tree was uprooted in a strong gale more than a dozen years ago, but a gallant little sapling shot up from a small portion of the root that remained and is now, I am sure, the largest of its kind in this part of the town. It will grow with very little care and become a handsome shrub, reaching even tree size.

The beautiful *Dentzias* are to be found in many gardens. They will not bear so vigorous pruning as the *Van Houttei*.

If one wishes to change shrubs to another part of the garden the spring is always the best time, but in early fall, after the growing time ceases it may be done generally with success if rightly managed.

In the early part of September, 1905, I had a large *Von Houttei* bush set in a new place and the change affected it but little. It is now in good growing condition, large and strong.

In setting shrubs there should be plenty of room on all sides of them, as they will grow and grow, surprising one many times at the space required. Shrubby is beautiful when properly cared for; neglect to prune and trim to bring into graceful and symmetrical growth, detracts much from its beauty. Therefore, when admiring the flowers remember that a little later the bush should be taken in hand and trimmed.



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Seasonable Midwinter Fashions

With the arrival of Midwinter the first garments to claim attention are the separate waists of Challis, Albatross, Viyella, Flannel, Flannelette and silk, as well as the separate skirts for both street and house wear.

Among the latter the misses' skirt 2184 is suitable for either the street or house and may be developed in any material which suits the wearer's fancy. It is a nine-gored model, with stitched box-plaits, and is trimmed around the foot with mohair braid, put on in fancy design. It is very wide and falls in full folds around the foot. If designed for street wear the best materials are Cheviot, plain or reversible tweed, striped or plain Serge, or tailor suiting, while for house wear, Mohair, Albatross, Voile, or Crepe de Chine are all developed well, are pretty and stylish. If desired, narrow bands of velvet or satin ribbon may be used instead of the braid, while very narrow bias bands of the material piped on either side with a contrasting color of velvet, also makes a pretty trimming, and one that is much used. For a miss of 15 years the skirt made of material with nap will require 4 1/4 yards 36 inches wide, or without nap 4 yards 36 inches wide. The pattern No. 2184 comes in sizes 13, 15 and 17 years.



No. 2184

Many women object to wearing a wrapper outside



No. 2207

front with small pink enamel buttons. The yoke effect in the front is produced by narrow pink ribbon, and the low turn-down collar and straight cuffs are bound with the same ribbon. The full five-gored skirt is attached to the waist, the joining being hidden by a narrow belt of the material. For 36 bust the dress requires 6 3/4 yards of material 36 inches wide, with 2 1/2 yards of ribbon to trim. The width of the lower edge of the skirt is about 3 3/4 yards. The pattern 2207 comes in sizes 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches, bust measure.

Speaking of negligee attire for women, the pretty little dressing-sacks made in Cashmere, Albatross, Challis, Canton and French Flannel, Viyella, Flannelette and outing cloth are most attractive and 2171 is a splendid model for any of these materials. A pretty development would be light blue eiderdown Flannel, with the turn-down collar, straight cuff, and pockets bound with white washable Taffeta ribbon. The design is a unique one, being double-breasted, and should be fastened down the left side of the front with small pearl buttons, and all the stitching should be done with white silk. For 36 bust the sack requires 2 1/4 yards of material 36 inches wide with 1 7/8 yards of ribbon to bind. The pattern 3171 is in sizes 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inches, bust measure.



No. 2171

The separate waists for misses and girls are made in many varieties of styles and materials, but for general wear there is no better model than 2188. It is suitable for any material from heavy linen (which some girls wear all during the winter) to taffetas and surah silk. The fullness of the front has been put into groups which have a yoke-like effect in the front, and in the back continue to the waistline. The pattern may be made



No. 2188

with three-quarter length sleeves, finished with a wide band ornamented with an insertion and edging of narrow lace, and an insertion of the same lace trims the collar. If preferred, full-length sleeves may be had by the addition of deep cuffs to the puffed upper part. If the latter are used they should be trimmed with two or three rows of lace insertion to match the collar. Or ribbon trimming can be substituted if desired. For a miss of 15 years the waist requires 1 1/2 yards of material 36 inches wide, 1 yard of insertion and 7/8 yard of edging. The pattern 2188 comes in sizes 13, 15 and 17 years.

Of the many different styles of ladies' waists the one illustrated 2185 is the most practical, aside from the regulation shirt-waist. The original model was developed in shadow-plaid silk, shading from tan to brown. The yoke-panel front, as well as the shallow yoke in the back being of Irish lace over yellow Liberty Satin, and the waist was bound on either side of the front with brown satin ribbon. Of course this waist was designed for very dressy occasions, but the model would be quite as effective and look equally well if made in Scotch plaid, with the yokes of plain colored albatross or cashmere, tucked in narrow cross-wise tucks, or the waist may be made of the plain material with the yokes of Scotch-plaid; the sides of the waist in either case being bound with self-colored ribbon. For 36 bust the waist requires 2 1/4 yards of material 36 inches wide, with 7/8 yard of all-overlace 18 inches wide, and 2 1/8 yards of ribbon. The pattern 2185 comes in sizes 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches, bust measure.



No. 2185



No. 2208

replenishing his stock of blouses, or shirt-blouses as they are called. The one illustrated 2208 is an excellent model. It is made with or without the back yokefacing, and permanent turn-down collar if desired, and is suitable for French Flannel, Mohair, Lady's cloth, Khaki, or any of the fancy woolen, or linen shirting materials, which some boys prefer to wear all winter. Another good material for these shirt blouses is duck, which comes in all colors and will stand any amount of wear and tear. For a boy of 9 years the blouse requires 1 1/2 yards of material 36 inches wide. The pattern 2208 is in sizes 5, 7, 9 and 13 years.

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During the whole of the last year I have been trying to find enough room in the magazine to allow me to say a few words to the subscribers each month. The space never seemed to be there, so this year I resolved to just take it, for all the time things are coming up which are of interest to all of us, and on which we should like to confer together. I shall hope to find on my desk letters from our subscribers about the subjects which are interesting to them, giving their ideas and experiences, for in many counsels there are wisdom.

Have you noticed how much attention is being paid to "the child?" The welfare of the child in the home and out of it; the early age at which children in some sections of the country are set to work; the cost of raising a child, particularly a boy and giving him a start in life, are all of them being considered today by thoughtful people with an earnestness and attention that comes home to every parent.

Have you a child in your home? Are you doing the best you can to give him a good start physically as well as mentally? Are you still near enough to your own childhood to remember how keenly the pleasures and pains of youth were felt, and do you show consideration to your child?

Clothes seem to the adult slight things to cause to a childish heart real agony, and yet they do. I remember distinctly a dress I had to wear which was oddly trimmed with black braid, and caused much attention in school. Never in my life since, has any article of apparel caused me such bitter tears or indeed affected me so deeply as that dress. I can see it yet, and I am sure that with a little extra pains it could have been made less obnoxious. Sometimes when you are weary, do you put the children's clothes together any old way, provided it is the quickest? Do you think it quite fair?

Of course clothes are small things comparatively in the scheme of life, but there is no home where they do not have to be planned and arranged for, and in most cases made, or any way repaired. This is one of the most valuable bits of instruction you can give to a girl, to keep her clothes neat and well-mended. It is far more useful than to have her taught to embroider, and there is no position in life which she may fill later, in which this knowledge will not be of value.

Many years ago there was a family whom I knew, where there were four sons and two daughters. The father of the family might have been but a distant connection by marriage, so little care did he bestow on them except to provide the money to run the home. The mother, not very strong and always struggling to make both ends meet and lap a little, had as a stock phrase, "Manners can take care of themselves, but the children's morals must be of the best." She never took any pains to make them speak gently nor pleasantly, nor to have any of the small graces of life which smooth so many rough places as we journey along. The result is that those children, men and women now, are singularly uncouth, the boys particularly, and are by no means grateful to their mother. "Why shouldn't our morals have been good?" I have heard one of them say, "we came of

good stock, but our manners needed to have attention. All my life I have suffered from it, and even now I feel awkward when I come into a room where there are strangers."

No parent has a right to hamper a child in this way, for it is the right of every child to be so trained that living shall be as easy as possible, I do not mean the monetary part, that he must look out for himself when he is old enough, but I mean the mere act of passing through this life, a thoroughfare which is quite stony enough for most of us, and which needs all the gifts and graces to make it endurable.

Did you ever think of this before? Do you say "Thank you," when the children do something for you, so that it shall become a "part-o-speech" as it were, that they shall say the same thing to you? Do you always remember to say "good morning" and "good night?" Do you remember to have the boys kiss you good night as long as you can coax them to; we mothers have only a thread after all to lead them by, keep it in your hand as long as you can, and then pass it over cheerfully to some other woman of your son's choosing.

With the new year we all of us make good resolutions of one kind or another. Have you got yours all arranged for the next twelve months? If not, make up your mind to see what extra cheerfulness will do, not only for your family but for you yourself. It is said by members of the medical profession that bad temper allowed to run riot is worse for the person who gives way to it, than for those who fall under its whip-lash.

It not only is bad for your spirit and mind but affects your looks, uses up just so much vitality and frays your nerves, so that next time you are provoked, you will give way all the sooner.

Try to meet life with a smile, I know that this seems almost as foolish as to say "don't worry," but if at first you don't succeed—you know the rest, and after a while you can greet most of the troubles which come, with what might be called cheerful resignation, for you know the worst troubles are those which you expect and which don't come.

The great English writer George Eliot said, "Your clothes and your friends you choose, but your relatives and your features are thrust upon you." This is true to a certain extent only, at least the part which refers to looks, for even the most homely face can be glorified by a cheerful expression, and the most beautiful can be ruined by a peevish or ill-tempered one.

How is it with yourself, are you not always glad to meet a person who bears the talisman of a cheerful smile? If you feel so, why not try it in your own case? All it costs is a little effort at first and then it becomes second nature.

Put it down somewhere so that you will not forget and see how well it works. Let me hear from you from time to time and A Happy New Year to all of you. Remember that Vick's Magazine is just for you.

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The Rose of Hildesheim

One Thousand Years Old

Rosamond White

Clinging to the gray wall of the old Cathedral in Hildesheim is a rose bush more than a thousand years old. There can be no doubt about its age for Hildesheim has had a living history ever since the days when Louis the Pious founded the Cathedral and planted this rose bush, which has been the special care of each succeeding generation. Every shoot as it branches out from the parent stock is labelled with its date, and the wooden tablets affixed tell the history of the tree. Perplexed genealogists who have some difficulty in making the age and nobility of a man's lineage accord with his ambitions may well envy this plainly written family history dating back as it does before the time of the Mayflower, or even of William the Conqueror, to a royal parent stem.

his own life. Alone in the wood he waited for his huntsmen. When night came on he knelt to pray, having first affixed the gold crucifix he carried to a wild rose tree. In the morning when he awakened, he saw that a miracle had been wrought. The snow had fallen everywhere except where he had slept. The crucifix was frozen to the tree but the wild roses had blossomed in the night. Then the king knew that God had answered his prayer and granted him his protection, and even as he meditated upon the divine miracle he heard the horns and hounds of the hunters who came to seek him. He knelt again in gratitude and made a solemn vow that on this spot where the wild rose grew he would build an edifice to the glory of God. When his huntsmen found him he was no longer Louis the Hunter but Louis the Pious.

In Hildesheim one lives again in the Middle Ages. There is everything to take one back to the centuries before these days of strenuous living—the narrow rambling streets, the medieval houses with their sharp roofs and fine wood carving, the old Cathedral, but more than all the old, old climbing rose bush. As we walked through the cloistered courtyard we felt ourselves to be a part of that royal procession who had passed this way more than a thousand years before, for the friendly summer breeze scattered abroad for us the same faint rose odor and red rose petals.

Facts of Interest

In the raising of silk worms in Italy more than half a million people are employed.

The oldest known manuscript written on cotton paper in England is in the British Museum. It bears date of 1049.

Before an American physician can practice in Peru he must take an examination in Spanish on the usual medical and surgical subjects.

Urged by the Kaiser, who is said to have a hatred for cats amounting almost to a mania, the city of Berlin has imposed a license tax upon all cats in the city. All cats found without the metal disk about their necks, denoting the payment of the tax, are chloroformed.

One of the most famous scholars that Indiana has perhaps produced is the Rev. Dr. Horace C. Hovey, now of Newburyport, Mass., who has recently been requested by the editor of the London Times to prepare for the Encyclopedia Britannica an addition to his former exhaustive treatise on American caves. Doctor Hovey is a native of Rob Roy, Indiana, a graduate of Wabash College, that State, a former pastor at New Albany, Indiana, and bears the degrees of M. A. and D. D., both being granted him by Wabash College. He is the greatest authority in America on the subject of the caverns of the country, and has in his lifetime visited and explored over three hundred of them, including the celebrated Mammoth Cave, of Kentucky, and Wyandotte Cave of Indiana. He is the author of the "Guide to Mammoth Cave," which has had a sale of twenty-eight thousand copies and is the authority on the subject.



There is a painting in the interesting Rathaus of Hildesheim showing the presentation of the Cathedral by Louis and his wife Irmirgarde to the bishop of Hildesheim. In the background is the green wood and the church with its rose bush. The king in velvet cloak, and the beautiful queen in long silken robes, her golden hair intertwined with strings of pearls, lead the royal procession; the bishop with his retinue of priests and monks stand with uncovered heads, humbly waiting to receive the keys of the church and cloister. The company who witnessed the consecration of this Cathedral so many centuries ago little dreamed that future generations would find the straggling rose bush more interesting than all their pageantry, or than the great monument in stone.

Both history and legend are connected with the church and the rose tree. The old records show that they date back to the year 815, and the legend of the rose of Hildesheim explains why this particular spot was chosen by Louis the Pious for his grateful offering.

In the days when Louis was more concerned with hunting than with good works, Hildesheim was in the centre of a great forest where the king and his huntsmen came frequently in pursuit of the deer. One day, in his eagerness to bring down a stag, he distanced his companions, followed the chase recklessly over hill and valley, and finally plunged with his horse into a swollen river. Horse and hounds could not swim against the violence of the current, and Louis barely reached the opposite bank with

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Tritoma

I think our climate too cold to risk leaving my Tritoma in the ground, but if I take it up should it be kept in earth, or can it be kept dry like Dahilia roots?—B. W., Minn.

The roots of Tritoma when kept in the cellar should be buried in rather dry sand.

Chrysanthemums

How do the florists get such large blooms of Chrysanthemums?—A. G. R., New York.

The large blossoms are the result of cultivation. The plants are propagated from cuttings in the spring, planted in rich soil, and only one stem allowed to develop to each plant. When the blossom buds appear, all but one are pinched off. In this way the whole strength of the plant is concentrated in one flower, and a very large one is produced instead of a dozen or more medium or small ones.

Agapanthus

How can an Agapanthus plant be made to bloom? Should it be kept growing all the time, or must it be allowed to rest? A. B. M., N. J.

The Agapanthus should be set away for the winter season in a dry, light cellar, and be allowed a partial rest, giving only enough water to prevent drying. In March bring it out of the cellar and give heat, light and water sufficient for its needs.

Spireas

I wish to plant a bed of hardy Spireas. How far apart should tall varieties be planted, and also the medium or dwarf sizes? Is fall a good time for setting out young plants, or is spring better? How are spireas propagated?—Mrs. F. H., Pa.

October is the very best time for planting Spireas. The low growing varieties should be planted about three feet apart, the tall varieties four or five feet.

Spots on Fern Fronds

Enclosed you will find two or three tiny leaves from my Fern. I would like to know what those little brown things are: some of them are green. Will they hurt the Fern, and what should I do with it. It is a large one and seems to be growing nicely. Mrs. E. H. S., Pa.

The little brown spots on the back of the Fern fronds are *sporangia*, or fruit dots. These contain the spores which answer to the seeds of flowering plants. From these spores, when ripe, the young plants are produced. The green dots will become brown as they mature. They do not, of course, injure the plant in any way, consequently no treatment of them is required.

If you will examine some of our native Ferns, you will find that many of them have similar fruit dots, though not all are the same shape nor located in the same way on the Fern frond. They are nature's way of reproducing the species, as seeds are in the flowering plants.

The Scale Insect

I have a lemon tree, fern, and fuchsia, and they have a kind of scab or insect on them. When small it looks white and afterwards turns a light brown. It is mostly along the stem and the center of the leaves. The leaves it is on turn yellow. The plants were infested when I got them. Please tell me what to do with them?—Miss S. F. So. Dak.

The plants are undoubtedly infested with the scale insect. Kerosene emulsion, fir tree oil, and whale oil soap are the most effectual remedies. The mode of preparing kerosene emulsion has been frequently given in this magazine.

Apply any one of these remedies thoroughly with an old toothbrush, taking particular care to reach every part of the under side of the leaves, and also brushing the stems. Afterwards rinse the plants thoroughly with clear water. More than one application may be necessary before the insects are entirely subdued, but vigorous treatment will, in the end, exterminate them.

Catalpas

I want to ask you if there are different kinds of Catalpas used as ornamental trees. In the town where I live, on the 26th of October the leaves on the Catalpa trees were as green and fresh looking as they were in August. I went to a nursery only six miles west to get some trees for my yard. The leaves on their Catalpas were withered and nearly all had fallen from the trees. When I asked why the leaves were so withered,

they told me the frost struck them harder there. Will you tell me whether some kinds stay greener longer than others? Those I saw in our town were planted with maples, and the yellow autumn leaves of the latter and the green leaves of the Catalpas looked very pretty together.—K. R., Wis.

There are several different species of Catalpa, but *Catalpa speciosa* is more generally planted in the West than any other, and it was probably that species which you saw. It is considered the most hardy kind, but the leaves turn black and fall after the first severe frosts. The reason given you for some trees retaining their foliage longer than others was probably the true one, as those most protected from the frost would keep green longest. Possibly those which you noticed were protected by the Maples among which they were planted.

Pineapple Plants in the House

Can you give me any information about raising pineapple plants in the house, that are started from the tops?—G. G. Kansas.

The inference is that the plant is already rooted from the top, if not it will root best in sand kept moderately moist and with bottom heat applied. When well rooted, transplant into soil of good loamy sod not too finely broken up. If heavy, add sand, leaf mould and rotted cow manure in equal parts. The plant should at all times be firmly potted, and should be kept rather on the dry side in winter but with plenty of light and in a warm place. A stagnant, wet soil should particularly be guarded against. In summer the plants can be plunged out in a sunny place and abundance of water given.

Tuberose Bulbs

Please tell me the proper treatment for Tuberose bulbs after they are lifted in the fall, also how old the bulbs must be before blooming.

Two years ago we put out a half dozen bulbs and they bloomed very nicely. In the fall I lifted them and detached the little bulbs, some of which I planted that autumn as an experiment, and others the following spring. There were eleven which I thought were blooming size, but only five bloomed. Last fall I lifted all the bulbs, but in the spring found all the large bulbs rotted except one. Besides that I planted out about sixty bulbs, large and small, to grow. Nearly every one sent a cluster of sprouts and I suppose the bulbs have multiplied. I do not know whether to separate all the bulbs, nor do I know how to select those which should bloom. Will one bulb bloom year after year, or

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is it only good for one season?—Mrs. R. S. C., Ga.

After Tuberose bulbs or tubers are taken up in the fall they should be allowed to dry off, then the leaves can be cut off and the bulbs stored in paper bags in a warm room where there is no danger of frost. The tubers bloom but once; if the tubers become chilled the flower bud is destroyed and no blossom is ever produced. When a tuber produces a number of offsets it is generally past the blooming stage. The young tubers should be separated from the old root in the spring, and set out in the ground. If they make good growth they should bloom in the fall.

Within the last ten years Canada has received over 500,000 immigrants.

Following the recent assertion of the American economist, Prof. John Graham Brooks, that it costs the middle-class American \$25,000 to bring up and educate a boy—a greatly exaggerated estimate—the English have been discussing how much it costs to bring up a girl. One English mother has announced that it cost her \$37,500 to bring up a girl to the age of twenty.

Women in Great Britain are largely represented in the professions and trades, and about 4,500,000 earn their own living. There are 124,000 teachers, 10,000 bookbinders, over 3,000 printers, and nearly 500 editors and compilers; 1,300 are engaged in photography, civil service clerks number 2,300, 3,800 are engaged in medical work and nursing, and 850 women (a surprisingly large number) are blacksmiths.

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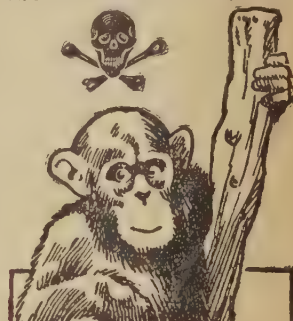
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The Living Room is a beautiful room, having light on three sides, bay window with seat, fireplace and book shelves. Dining Room has a china closet and an arch recess for the sideboard.

The Kitchen is the room most used and deserves considerable attention. The range gets good light on it, the sink is similarly located, the table will be below the window next to the sink and the ever-handy cabinet is at the side of the table. A slide between the drip at sink and the china closet would be a handy thing. The writer does not favor wood wainscot for kitchen walls, the washable cloth wall covering is superior to the woodwork. Connected with the kitchen is the well lighted pantry which has a pan closet included in its fittings.

There is an outside cellarway; this can be enclosed and have a vertical door instead of the kind shown, at slight expense. The front stairs are of good width, have no balusters and are constructed economically.

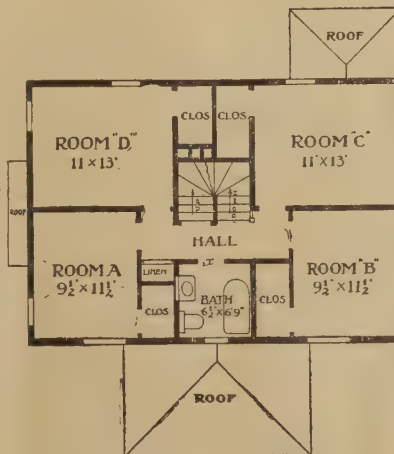
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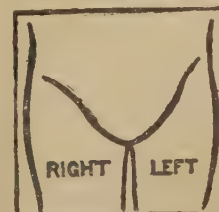
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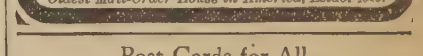
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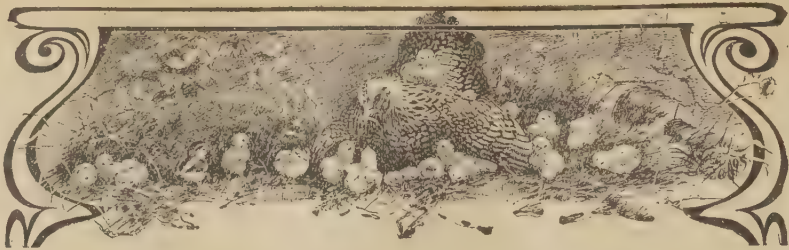
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There are many formulas for good food for chicks, among them the following seem most practical. From the Maine Experiment Station we glean this; "Make a bread by mixing 3 parts cornmeal, 1 part wheat bran, and 1 part wheat middlings or flour, with skim milk or water, mixing it very dry and salting the same as for bread. It is baked thoroughly and when well done, if it is not dry enough to crumble, it is broken up and dried out in the oven and then ground in a mortar or mill. The infertile eggs are hard-boiled and ground, shell and all, in a sausage mill. About 1 part of the ground eggs and 4 parts of the bread crumbs are rubbed together until the egg is well divided. This bread makes up about half the food of the chicks until they are five weeks old, but after the second week, finely sifted beef scrap is mixed with the bread instead of the boiled eggs.

"We have tried many foods," the Station reports, "but as yet we have found nothing that gives us as good health and growth as the bread fed in connection with dry broken grains. One condition is imperative in our feeding, and that is: the food is never allowed to remain in the troughs more than five minutes before the vessels are cleaned or removed. This insures sharp appetite at mealtime and guards against inactivity which comes from overfeeding."

This same Station markets each fall a great quantity of the surplus cockerels, which have been confined in yards in lots of 100 and fed twice daily on a porridge made of 4 parts of cornmeal, 2 parts of middlings or flour and 1 part fine beef scrap. The meals are mixed with skim milk or water until the porridge will just run from the end of a wooden spoon. All that the birds will clean up is given them morning and evening, but the food is not left before them. Great success has been achieved with this method of feeding, the Station saying:

"We have found our chickens that are about one hundred days old at the beginning gain in four weeks' feeding, from 1 3/4 to 2 1/4 pounds each, and sometimes more. Confined and fed in this way, they are meaty and soft and in much better market condition than though they had been fed on dry grains and given more liberty. Poultry raisers cannot afford to sell the chickens as they run, but they can profit greatly by fattening them. Many careful tests have proved that as great gains are as cheaply and more easily made when the chickens, in lots not to exceed one hundred, are put in a house with a floor space of 75 by 100 feet and a yard of corresponding size, as when they are divided into lots of four birds each and confined in latticed coops, just large enough to hold them. Four weeks has been about the profitable limit of feeding, both in large and small lots. Chickens gain faster when young. The practice of successful poultrymen in selling the cockerels at the earliest marketable age is well founded, for the spring chicken sold at Thanksgiving time is an expensive product."

At the Pennsylvania Experiment Station they use this formula:

Granulated oats, with the hulls removed, make an excellent food for young chickens. There is, perhaps, no better grain food. It may be fed to good advantage after the second day, in connection with stale bread sopped in milk. This should be crumbled fine and placed where the chickens have free access to it, but cannot step in it. Shallow troughs of tin, with sharp edges so the chicks cannot stand on them, are excellent. Wheat screenings are fine as food.

Booker Washington's Institute at Tuskegee has been successful when using this food:

For the first three or four weeks: 4 quarts bran, 1 quart cornmeal, 2 quarts crushed oats, 1 pint animal meal, mixed into a stiff dough with skim milk or water and baked in an oven four hours. Crumble and feed twenty-four hours after baking.

Although it is comparatively easy to hatch chicks it is much harder to raise them, and when they are taken from the nest or incubator they should be kept as quiet as possible for thirty-six hours at the least. Great care should be used to prevent them from straying away from the hen or hover and getting chilled. The chicks are given their first food when thirty-six hours old, wheat bread dried in the oven until crisp being sometimes found the most convenient and most easily prepared besides giving as good results as anything that has been tried. After being dried out this is rolled or ground fine and mixed with about one-fourth its weight of raw egg. The mixture is dried enough to make it crumbly and not sticky, and it is fed every two hours the second day.

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After the second day and until the chicks are five weeks old they are fed a cake made of corn meal and milk or water, two or three times a day, with cracked wheat, finely cracked corn and other grains. As they grow older the grain is scattered in the litter and the chicks must scratch for it. The Johnny-

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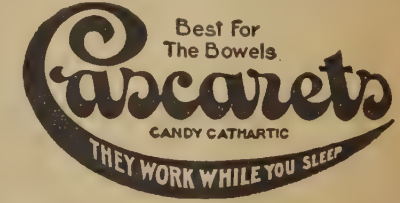
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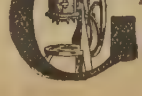
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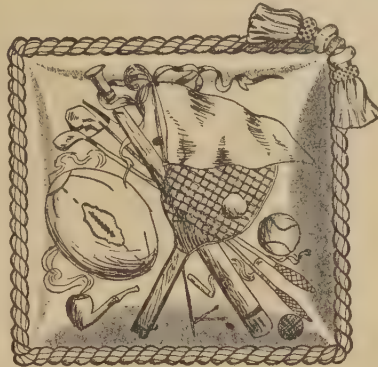


College Pillow

Just the thing for the boy away at school or at home. The work is all outline stitch which can be done by anyone who can use a needle. Different colored thread is used as suggested by the different articles or can be done in one color only if preferred. It is stamped on good quality Art Tick-

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Use of Sour Milk

In cooking with sour milk one will have better results by using two teaspoonfuls of baking-powder to each quart of flour and not as much soda as usual.

How to Use Blacking

To prevent stove-blackening from getting into the pores and staining the hands, especially after washing. Moisten a piece of soap and rub well into the pores until dry. Then black your stove. The blacking will then come off easily, with the soap.—M. M. W.

Repairing Window Shades

When window shades become faded and old at the bottom, take off the roller, hem the top like the bottom on the machine with a long stitch. Tack the bottom of the shade to the roller and you will have almost a new shade.—O.

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To Keep Milk from Scorching

To keep milk from scorching rinse the pan in cold water before pouring in the milk.—E. M. R.

Popping Corn

To pop corn that has become dry and hard, shell the corn and soak in cold water for fifteen or twenty minutes; drain off the water (have a very hot fire) and put in a small quantity of corn or your popper will overflow.

The kernels will be larger, flaky, tender and crisp.—J. W. Y.

An Aid in Cooking

The following ought to be copied by every cook and housekeeper into her cook book or pasted in the kitchen where it will be always handy. It is a list of equivalents and is vouched for as being absolutely correct:

"One-half cupful of butter, one-quarter pound; two level tablespoons of butter, one ounce; four level tablespoons of flour, one ounce; sixteen tablespoonfuls of liquid, one cup; four saltspoonfuls, one teaspoonful; four teaspoonfuls, one tablespoonful; twelve tablespoonfuls (dry material), one cup; four cupfuls, one pound; one cupful of granulated sugar, one-half pound; sixty drops, one teaspoonful; ten eggs, one pound; sixteen large tablespoonfuls, one half pint; a common sized tumbler, one-half pint.

Besides this list every kitchen should be equipped with a small scale and a measuring cup of tin and one of glass. Only by this means can a cook have unvarying success in the cooking that she undertakes.

When Eggs are High

For a good many years I labored under the delusion that it was absolutely impossible to make any kind of pancakes without eggs, else they would stick to the griddles. I have learned that dissolving the soda in boiling water answers the same purpose and no one can determine if eggs are used or not, as they are not necessary for any other purpose.

When making the old-fashioned noodles that are so palatable cooked with beef or chicken, the empty egg-shell full of water added to the broken egg takes the place of another egg and is better.

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Mealy Potatoes

Baked potatoes will become mealy if the end is snipped off before placing in oven.—M. M. M.

Baked potatoes are better and more flaky if as soon as they are taken from the oven they are picked with a fork or broken in two to allow the air to penetrate. Otherwise they will be heavy and soggy.—M. H.

Chicken Oil

Try using chicken oil for shortening. It is good and healthful. Most people waste it.—B.

Peeling Onions

While chopping or peeling onions sit before the open stove with the onion dish on the stove hearth and you will not need a handkerchief.—M. J. N.

A Use for Soap

Rub soap on the bottom of a dish that is to be set in over the fire and the smoke will wash off easily.—L.

To Make Thickening

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Poultry

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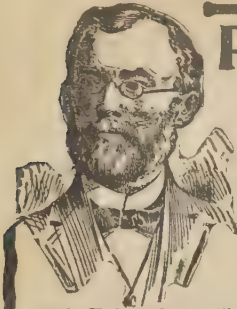
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The Devil and Tom Walker

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think of them, and he was not a man to stick at trifles where money was in view. When they had reached the edge of the swamp the stranger paused.

"What proof have I that all you have been telling me is true?" said Tom.

"There is my signature," said the black man, pressing his finger on Tom's forehead. So saying, he turned off among the thicket of the swamp, and seemed, as Tom said, to go down, down, down, into the earth, until he totally disappeared.

When Tom reached home he found the black print of a finger burnt, as it were, into his forehead, which nothing could obliterate.

The first news his wife had to tell him was the sudden death of Absalom Crowninshield, the rich buccaneer. It was announced in the papers with the usual flourish that "a great man had fallen in Israel."

Tom recollected the tree which his black friend had just hewn down, and which was ready for burning. "Let the freebooter roast," said Tom; "who cares!" He now felt convinced that all he had heard and seen was no illusion.

He was not prone to let his wife into his confidence, but as this was an uneasy secret he willingly shared it with her. All her avarice was awakened at the mention of hidden gold, and she urged her husband to comply with the black man's terms and secure what would make them wealthy for life. However Tom might have felt disposed to sell himself to the devil, he was determined not to do so to oblige his wife; so he flatly refused out of the mere spirit of contradiction. Many and bitter were the quarrels they had on the subject, but the more she talked the more resolute was Tom not to be damned to please her. At length she determined to drive the bargain on her own account, and, if she succeeded, to keep all the gain to herself.

Being of the same fearless temper as her husband, she set off for the old Indian fort toward the close of a summer's day. She was many hours absent. When she came back she was reserved and sullen in her replies. She spoke something of a black man whom she had met about twilight, hewing at the root of a tall tree. He was sulky, however, and would not come to terms; she was to go again with a propitiatory offering, but what it was she forebore to say.

The next evening she set off again for the swamp, with her apron heavily laden. Tom waited and waited for her, but in vain: midnight came, but she did not make her appearance; morning, noon, night returned, but still she did not come. Tom now grew uneasy for her safety, especially as he found she had carried off in her apron the silver teapot and spoons, and every portable article of value. Another night elapsed, another morning came; but no wife. In a word, she was never heard of more.

What was her real fate nobody knows, in consequence of so many pretending to know. It is one of those facts that have become confounded by a variety of historians. Some asserted that she lost her way among the tangled mazes of the swamp and sunk into some pit or slough; others, more uncharitable, hinted that she had eloped with the household booty, and made off to some other province; while others assert that the tempter had decoyed her into a dismal quagmire, on top of which her hat was lying. In confirmation of this it was said a great black man with an ox on his shoulder was seen late that very evening coming out of the swamp, carrying a bundle tied in a check apron, with an air of surly triumph.

The most current and probable story, however, observes that Tom Walker grew so anxious about the fate of his wife and his property that he set out at length to seek them both at the Indian fort. During a long summer's afternoon he searched about the gloomy place, but no wife was to be seen. He called her name repeatedly, but she was nowhere to be heard. The bittern alone responded to his voice, as he flew screaming by; or the bullfrog croaked dolefully from a neighborly pool.

At length, it is said, just in the brown

hour of twilight, when the owls began to hoot and the bats to flit about, his attention was attracted by the clamor of carrion crows that were hovering about a cypress-tree. He looked and beheld a bundle tied in a check apron and hanging in the branches of a tree; with a great vulture perched hard by, as if keeping watch upon it. He leaped with joy, for he recognized his wife's apron, and supposed it to contain the household valuables.

"Let us get hold of the property," said he consolingly to himself, "and we will endeavor to do without the woman."

As he scrambled up the tree the vulture spread its wide wings, and sailed off screaming into the deep shadows of the forest. Tom seized the check apron, but, woeful sight! found nothing but a heart and liver tied up in it.

Such, according to the most authentic old story, was all that was to be found of Tom's wife. She had probably attempted to deal with the black man as she had been accustomed to deal with her husband; but though a female scold is generally considered a match for the devil, yet in this instance she appears to have had the worst of it.

She must have died game, however: from the part that remained unconquered.

Indeed, it is said, Tom noticed many prints of cloven feet deeply stamped about the tree, and several handfuls of hair that looked as if they had been plucked from the coarse black shock of the woodsman. Tom knew his wife's prowess by experience. He shrugged his shoulders as he looked at the signs of a fierce clapper-clawing. "Egad," said he to himself, "Old Scratch must have had a tough time of it!"

Tom consoled himself for the loss of his property by the loss of his wife; for he was a little of a philosopher. He even felt something like gratitude toward the black woodsman, who he considered had done him a kindness. He sought, therefore, to cultivate a further acquaintance with him, but for some time without success; the old black legs played shy, for whatever people may think, he is not always to be had for calling for: he knows how to play his cards when pretty sure of his game.

At length, it is said, when delay had whetted Tom's eagerness to the quick, and prepared him to agree to anything rather than not gain the promised treasure, he met the black man one evening in his usual woodsman dress, with his ax on his shoulder, sauntering along the edge of the swamp, and humming a tune. He affected to receive Tom's advance with great indifference, made brief replies, and went on humming his tune.

By degrees, however, Tom brought him to business, and they began to haggle about the terms on which the former was to have the pirate's treasure. There was one condition which need not be mentioned, being generally understood in all cases where the devil grants favors; but there were others about which, though of less importance, he was inflexibly obstinate. He insisted that the money found through his means should be employed in his service. He proposed, therefore, that Tom should employ it in the black traffic—that is to say, that he should fit out a slave ship. This, however, Tom resolutely refused; he was bad enough, in all conscience, but the devil himself could not tempt him to turn slave dealer.

Finding Tom so squeamish on this point, he did not insist upon it, but proposed instead that he should turn usurer; the devil being extremely anxious for the increase of usurers, looking upon them as his peculiar people.

To this no objections were made, for it was just to Tom's taste.

"You shall open a broker's shop in Boston next month," said the black man.

"I'll do it tomorrow if you wish," said Tom Walker.

"You shall lend money at two per cent a month."

"Egad, I'll charge four!" replied Tom Walker.

"You shall extort bonds, foreclose

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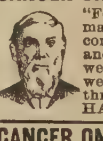
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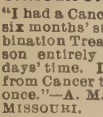
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"I'll drive him to the d—ll!" cried Tom Walker eagerly.

"You are the usurer for my money!" said the black legs with delight. "When will you want the rhino?"

"This very night."
"Done!" said the devil.
"Done!" said Tom Walker.

So they shook hands and struck a bargain.

A few days' time saw Tom Walker seated behind his desk in a counting-house in Boston. His reputation for a ready-moneyed man, who would lend money out for a good consideration, soon spread abroad. Everybody remembers the days of Governor Belcher, when money was particularly scarce. It was a time of paper credit.

The country had been deluged with government bills; the famous Land Bank had been established; there had been a rage for speculating; the people had run mad with schemes for new settlements, for building cities in the wilderness; land jobbers went about with maps of grants and townships and Eldorados, lying nobody knew where, but which every body was ready to purchase. In a word, the great speculating fever which breaks out every now and then in the country had raged to an alarming degree, and everybody was dreaming of making sudden fortunes from nothing. As usual, the fever had subsided; the dream had gone off, and the imaginary fortunes with it; the patients were left in doleful plight, and the whole country resounded with the consequent cry of hard times."

At this propitious time of public distress did Tom Walker set up as a usurer in Boston. His door was soon thronged by customers. The needy and the adventurous; the gambling speculator; the dreaming land jobber; the thriftless tradesman; the merchant with cracked credit; in short, every one driven to raise money by desperate means and desperate sacrifices hurried to Tom Walker.

Thus Tom was the universal friend of the needy, and he acted like a "friend in need"—that is to say, he always exacted good pay and good security. In proportion to the distress of the applicant was the hardness of his terms. He accumulated bonds and mortgages; gradually squeezed his customers closer and closer, and sent them at length, dry as a sponge, from his door.

In this way he made money hand over hand, became a rich and mighty man and exalted his cocked hat upon 'change. He built himself, as usual, a vast house, out of ostentation but left the greater part of it unfinished and unfurnished out of parsimony. He even set up a carriage in the fulness of his vainglory, though he nearly starved the horses which drew it; and as the ungreased wheels groaned and screeched on the axletrees, you would have thought you heard the souls of the poor debtors he was squeezing.

As Tom waxed old, however, he grew thoughtful. Having secured the good things of this world, he began to feel anxious about those of the next. He thought with regret on the bargain he had made with his black friend, and set his wits to work to cheat him out of the conditions. He became, therefore, all of a sudden, a violent church-goer. He prayed loudly and strenuously, as if heaven were to be taken by force of lungs. Indeed, one might always tell when he had sinned most during the week, by the calmor of his Sunday devotion.

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Tom lost his patience and his piety. "The d---l take me," said he, "if I have made a farthing!"

Just then there were three loud knocks at the street door. He stepped out to see who was there.

A black man was holding a black horse which neighed and stamped with impatience.

"Tom, you're come for!" said the black fellow gruffly.

Tom shrunk back, but too late. He had left his little Bible at the bottom of his coat pocket, and his big Bible on the desk buried under the mortgage he was about to foreclose. Never was sinner taken more unawares. The black man whisked him like a child astride the horse and away he galloped in the midst of a thunder-storm.

The clerks stuck their pens behind their ears and stared after him from the windows. Away went Tom Walker, dashing down the street, his white cap bobbing up and down, his morning-gown fluttering in the wind, and his steel striking fire out of the pavement at every bound. When the clerks turned to look for the black man he had disappeared.

Tom Walker never returned to foreclose the mortgage. A countryman who lived on the borders of the swamp reported that in the height of the thunder-gust he had heard a great clattering of hoofs and a howling along the road, and that when he ran to the window he just caught sight of a figure such as I have described on a horse that galloped like mad across the fields, over the hills and down into the black hemlock swamp toward the old Indian fort, and that shortly after a thunderbolt fell in that direction which seemed to set the whole forest in a blaze.

The good people of Boston shook their heads and shrugged their shoulders, but had been so much accustomed to witches and goblins and tricks of the d---l in all kinds of shapes from the first settlement of the colony, that they were not so much horror-struck as might have been expected.

Trustees were appointed to take charge of Tom's effects. There was nothing, however, to administer upon. On searching his coffers, all his bonds and mortgages were found reduced to cinders. In place of gold and silver, his iron chest was filled with chips and shavings; two skeletons lay in his stable instead of his half-starved horses, and the very next day his great house took fire and was burnt to the ground.

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In fact, the story has resolved itself into a proverb, and is the origin of that popular saying prevalent throughout New England, of "The Devil and Tom Walker."

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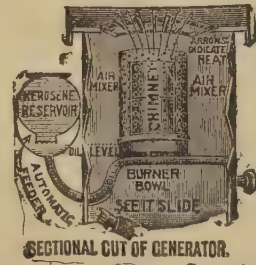
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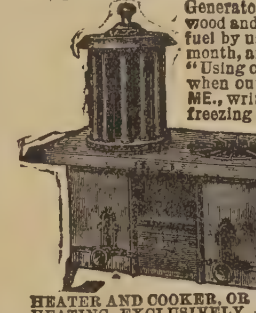
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"Those stiff-necked things the dudes wear," said he derisively. "We wear one of those things!" and he laughed aloud at the thought. They were glad enough when the ranch buildings appeared dimly in the fast-deepening gloom. When the wagon entered the ranch yard John almost fell into the arms of one of the men who had come to find out the cause of this unusually late arrival.

John dragged himself to a hastily improvised bed, and, dropping down on it, was asleep in a twinkling; the first rest for thirty-six long fatiguing hours. For a time things went sadly at the ranch for John missed his cow-puncher friend, his good-natured grumbling, his ever-ready helping hand. But gradually the boy's faculty of making firm, loyal friends helped to fill the gap that Jerry's death had made, though no one could ever take his place.

Mr. Baker's talk about school and a future took deep root, and as the boy turned the idea over in his mind it developed into a resolve to try it anyway. The boy's success as a breaker of horses kept him much of the time at that work. Since he had broken Lightning all other horses seemed to him in comparison. Mr. Baker was fond of reading, and understood the value of education; he had some books, and the less valuable ones he gave to his protégé; these and the few John had been able to pick up during the infrequent visits to a town formed his text books.

As he thought and read and studied he became more and more convinced that cowboy life was not for him; to know more about the things he had read a few scraps about, to gain a place in the world, to learn something and achieve something was now his firm resolve. And so the year wore round.

On New Year's day John's time was up—the time which he had set to start out to seek his fortune. He had saved more than a year's earnings, so the small capitalist saddled Lightning, bade his friends good-by, and set forth, not without some misgivings, on a new quest; to get knowledge, see the world, and, if it might be, grasp his share of its honors.

CHAPTER XX. A TRANSFORMATION.

The love of adventure that possesses the soul of most boys was not characteristic of John Worth. This starting forth in search of knowledge, this seeking of the "dude" and his ways in his own haunts, was an entirely different matter. To mix with men who wore white "boiled" shirts habitually, who dressed and went down to dinner, and who did all sorts of things strange to the frontier, seemed to John a trying ordeal, and he dreaded it. He had no definite plan, for he could not realize what lay before him.

For ten days he and Lightning wandered around from one settlement to another; he was enjoying his freedom to the utmost, so much so in fact that none of the towns he passed through suited him. Finally he woke up to the fact that he was avoiding a decision.

"Here, John Worth," he said to himself, "you're afraid to begin; any of these towns would have done."

He was in the open when he came to himself, riding along on a good horse, dressed in a complete outfit of cowboy finery, fringed chaps, good, broadbrimmed felt hat, heavy, well-fitting riding gloves, and silver spurs, the envy of every man he met.

Just before dark he reached _____, and after finding a stable put up at a neat little hotel near by, John soon turned to the hotel keeper, a loquacious individual who believed in his town and could sound its praises as well as any real-estate boomer.

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"What's an academy?" interrupted John. "Oh, that's a place where they teach you things."

"What kind of things?" persisted John. "Reading and arithmetic and geography and—here's Gray, he'll tell you all about it, he goes there. Henry, come here a minute," he shouted.

A young man in overalls, well sprinkled with ashes, and carrying a fire shovel appeared. The landlord introduced them and told Gray that John was looking for information about the academy. Then he went off, leaving them together.

"Well," said Gray, a slight, dark-haired, bright-eyed, thoughtful fellow, after some preliminary talk, "you begin with arithmetic; then comes algebra then geometry and trigonometry in mathematics; the languages are Latin, Greek, French, and German."

The mere recital of these things was enough to scare John, who had scarcely heard the names before. When Gray went on to enlarge on the fine course of study the academy afforded, as a loyal student should, his heart was appalled by the amount of learning necessary even to enter a school, and feared the ranch after all was the place for him.

That night he made up his mind to go back to Mr. Baker and ask for his old job, but the next morning was no better than the preceding ones. For lack of something better to do, after much persuasion on Gray's part, he went with him to the academy.

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on one side of the room, the girls on the other. The principal sat at one end, surrounded by blackboards.

The classes went up and recited one by one or demonstrated mathematical problems on the blackboards. John heard with amazement youngsters answer questions which he could not comprehend at all, and yet he noticed that their faces were earnest and happy, as if they had never known what trouble was. The faces he knew, young and old, bore distinctly the traces of care and hardship. He was intensely interested and enjoyed the whole session keenly.

When noon came, Gray approached, as he thought, to return to the hotel with him, but to his surprise he was marched up to the principal's desk and introduced to Professor Marston. John was awe-stricken, but the principal knew boys thoroughly, and soon put him at his ease.

"Will you come with us?" asked Mr. Marston after a while.

"I wanted to, but I guess not now." Somehow John's resolve seemed rather foolish in the presence of this kindly faced man with the high forehead.

"Why? What is the trouble?"

"Oh, I changed my mind."

"What's your reason?" persisted the professor.

"You don't look like a fellow who changes his mind with every wind."

His manner was so kindly, his interest so evident, that John let go his reserve and told of his ambitions and hopes and then of the futility, as he thought, of a fellow at his age beginning at the very lowest rung of the ladder when boys much younger than he were so far advanced.

Mr. Marston was interested. He invited John to call and see him after school. "I think we shall be able to talk our way out of this difficulty," he said, as the boy bade him goodby.

At the appointed hour John appeared, eager to be convinced but altogether dubious. Professor Marston received him cordially, and, taking him into his private office, talked to him "like a Dutch uncle," as John assured Gray afterwards. He showed John what he believed he could do, and finally brought back the confidence in himself which for a time had been banished.

"How did you come out?" called Gray as John burst into the hotel, his face beaming, his eyes alight—confidence in every gesture.

"Bully!" exclaimed he. "I'm going to start right in."

"That's the way to talk," said his friend, delighted at his good spirits.

"Professor Martin is going to help me, and I'm to get some one to night-herd me; between the two I'm going to round up all those things and put my brand on 'em. I mean," he hastened to explain, as he realized that Gray might not be up on all the cowpunchers' phrases, "I hope to put away in my mind some of the things that go to make up book-learning."

Whereupon Gray volunteered to act as his night-herd, as John called his tutor. The offer was gladly accepted, and the two went out to get the school books which Mr. Marston had recommended.

John's first day was, as he expected, an ordeal. But as he advanced in his studies and demonstrated his ability as a horseman and a boxer, the respect of his schoolmates increased—at least that of the boys did—but it was only the kindly glances from one girl's soft eyes that saved the whole of girl-kind from complete repudiation on his part.

The dinner at Professor Marston's which followed his first church-going was a red-letter occasion of another kind. John's earnestness and sincerity always made friends for him, and he speedily won the heart of Mrs. Marston. He left her home full of content; he had discovered a new phase of life—to him a heretofore closed book—the "home life."

John Worth was a good student, a hard, conscientious worker, and with the aid of his friend Gray and his instructor he made more and more rapid progress. As spring advanced, he began to hear talk about "vacation"—a word the meaning of which was strange to him.

Professor Marston called him into his office just before school closed, and suggested that he get a job during the summer and come back to school in the fall, when he would give him work that would pay his necessary expenses while he kept on with studies. John's heart was filled with gratitude, but his benefactor could not listen to his thanks, and bade him good-by and good luck.

The boy went away thinking he was indeed in luck. The trouble was to secure a job for the summer. This problem was speedily solved by Gray, who proposed that they should try to join a party of tourists that were to visit Yellowstone Park, and act as guides and guards. To their great joy they were able to accomplish this. John in his old cowboy dress and mounted on Lightning was happy enough; as for the horse, he fairly bubbled over with joy and gladness.

The boy's leech-like riding attracted the attention of his employers at once and especially one—a young Easterner named Sherman, who was a college man. On long summer evenings young Sherman would often join John while he was keeping his vigil over the saddle stock, and they would have long talks, John telling of his experiences with Indians, cattle, and horses, while Sherman in turn told of college life, its advantages and pleasures, and the hard work connected with it.

Shortly before the time set for the return of the party, Sherman, who had learned to respect and like John greatly, said: "Suppose you study hard next fall and spring and prepare for college. If you can bone up enough to pass the examinations I think I can get you a scholarship."

The proposition took John's breath away, but he was not the kind of a boy to be "stumped," and when they separated he assured Sherman that he'd do "some talk trying."

John returned to — and to the academy, his path now marked out clearly before him and a prize worth striving for at the end.

CHAPTER XXI.

TWELVE HUNDRED MILES AWHEEL TO COLLEGE.

The academy reopened with some new pupils and many old ones. Professor Marston kept his word about the winter job, and John was duly installed as janitor of the building, with opportunity to make extra pay by sawing wood and doing errands.

He was fully occupied, as may well be imag-

ined, and poor Lightning, though sure of good care, missed the companionship that both he and his master delighted in. John foresaw that he would not be able to keep the horse, and he finally decided what to do with him. He would give him his freedom.

One day the boy took him out on the prairie some distance from the town.

"Lite, old boy," he began, rubbing his nose and patting him. "We've had good and bad times together, and we've been good friends, but we've got to separate now."

He took off the saddle and bridle: "Take care of yourself, old boy."

The horse looked at him a moment inquiringly; then curvetted around a minute in high glee; but as he saw his much-loved master leaving him he turned and followed, refusing to be cast off. "Go back, Lite," John commanded, waving his hat to scare him. "Go back!" But the little horse refused to leave him, and followed him back to town, where he was taken in and petted again. John was touched to the heart by this loyalty and affection.

Next day a stableman took him out among the range horses and dismissed him. This time he stayed, and John never saw or heard of him afterward.

Toward spring, as wood sawing became scarce, he took to delivering morning papers to the more distant parts of the town; and in order to do this more quickly he hired an old bicycle, learned to ride it, so he was able to get back to the school and study a while before opening up.

"I don't see how you do it all, Worth," said Professor Marston.

"Well, I couldn't, I guess, if I didn't have a big stake to work for," and John told him of the offer Sherman had made him.

"I hope your friend won't forget," the Professor suggested.

"He won't forget; he's not that kind."

"I hope not; but how are you going to get there? It's a long way."

John looked up quickly; he had not thought of that before.

"I don't know; but I'll get there somehow." It was certainly a question that could not be answered offhand. He studied over this matter for days and no solution presented itself. Borrow he might, but this he would not do without giving security, and security he had none.

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Concerning Trees and Flowers

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varieties, however, and of these our enterprising rosegrowers have contributed by far the largest proportion. The eagerly sought black rose is still unproduced, though a New York florist has a dark-red one which in some lights has the appearance of black velvet.

Cedar wood is much esteemed by farmers for its lasting qualities when used for fence-posts. An interesting proof of the power of this wood to resist the effects of time is furnished by the Egyptian boats made of cedar which were recently found buried near the banks of the Nile, and which, according to recent estimates of their age, were probably in use 4,500 years ago. The fact must not be overlooked, however that these boats were covered by the dry sand of the desert.

The dahlia rivals the hansom cab in the matter of having smothered the memory of the man after whom it was named. But persons who use them at least pronounce "hansom" as Joseph Hansom pronounced his surname; whereas probably most people call the flower "dahlia," thus getting hopelessly remote from the Swedish Dr. Dahl, the pupil of Linnaeus, who brought this plant of Mexico into cultivation in Europe. How many who know the fuchsia have ever heard of the sixteenth century German botanist Leonhard Fuchs? Germany, by the way, calls the dahlia "Georgine," in honor of another botanist, Georgine.

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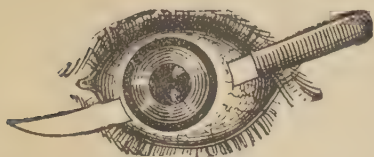
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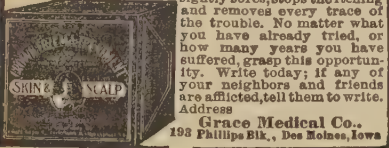
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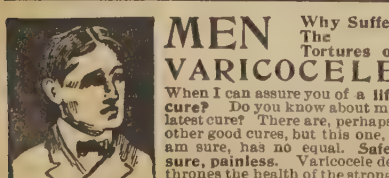
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BUELL HAMPTON

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CHAPTER XLII.

A NEW-MADE GRAVE.

When Hugh returned to the street, Captain Osborn was concluding one of the most eloquent speeches of his life. His hearers listened attentively, and, when he concluded his speech the comments on every side were those of approval. Soon after, the crowd began to disperse, and before midnight the streets were almost deserted.

Captain Osborn, with Doctor Redfield, Hugh, and his father, returned to the bank, where Hugh proceeded to give them a synopsis of his interview with the major.

Presently Captain Osborn said: "Stanton, what do you think of the major's mental condition?"

"I believe him to be as mad as a March hare," replied Hugh. "We all know that he is a great student, and, while his knowledge of occult science is certainly extensive, the idea of his claiming to be two or three centuries old, and of his possessing, as a talisman, the philosopher's stone, is too ridiculous for thoughtful consideration."

"There is one part of his story that is remarkably rational," said Doctor Redfield. "A younger brother of my father married a beautiful woman of rare musical gifts and culture. For some reason his family opposed the marriage. My uncle located in eastern Kentucky, and several years went by without our receiving any word from them. Finally my father went there and found that his brother had been dead for several years and that his wife had attempted to support herself and child, and had succeeded in doing so until her health became broken and she was reduced to direst poverty, and finally died in a private hospital. All trace of the child was lost, and, although my father spent years in trying to ferret out some clue that might enable him to find her, his efforts were unavailing."

The doctor continued: "I agree with Hugh that Major Hampton is suffering with at least temporary aberration of the mind. It may not be permanent; and yet, on the other hand, his hallucination may be incurable."

"Hark!" exclaimed Mr. Horton, "I think some one is calling my name."

They listened in silence for a moment, and presently heard the cattle king's name called by some one without.

"Remain here," said Mr. Horton, "and I will see what is wanted."

"Remember, father," interposed Hugh, "that the major's last request was that we join with the Vigilantes in case they are determined to mete out summary justice."

"I believe," said Captain Osborn, "that the major with all his insane ideas, expects us to control any vigilance committee that might seek his life, and to ward off danger. The humiliation of being discovered as a cattle thief has undoubtedly dethroned his reason."

"I assure you, Captain," replied Hugh, "that his observations were quite sane. Neither was he in the least excited."

At this moment Mr. Horton called from the back door of the bank, requesting those within to join him at once. He said: "They want to know if we desire to be present, or if we intend to oppose them. Remembering Hugh's instructions, I told them that we secretly were with the Vigilantes, therefore, there is nothing left but to join them and see what we can do."

Nothing further was said as the four men walked down the street. They filed into a dark room, whose doors were immediately barricaded. Then a gruff voice called out: "Every man prepare a mask for his face. No one must know his neighbor. A candle will be lighted as soon as your masks are on."

It required no second invitation, for even the most desperate member of the Vigilantes is careful to conceal his identity from his associates in crime.

Presently the same gruff voice called out: "Are you ready?"

A chorus of affirmative answers came from every part of the room.

"Gentlemen," said the gruff-voiced man, for three years past we have pledged ourselves to exterminate a cattle thief as soon as caught. We have prepared as many ballots as there are men present. Three of these ballots have blood-red crosses in the centre. Form in line and march past, while I hold the hat, and let each man draw therefrom one ballot. The three receiving the ballots with the red cross will remain here. All those drawing blanks will quietly and quickly repair to their homes."

It was a strangely spectral sight to see the masked men filing past the speaker to draw from his hat the fatal ballots.

Soon the barricades were removed, and all but three of the crowd walked out into the street, but, instead of hastening to their homes, they quickly concealed themselves behind fences, sheds, and stables, waiting to see what would occur.

When all had gone excepting the three who had drawn the fatal ballots, the leader, addressing them, said: "Gentlemen, the Vigilantes have made a compact with the sheriff. You will please go to the jail and knock for admittance. You will have no trouble in securing possession of the prisoner. When he is once in your custody, follow the laws of the Vigilantes. The grave is prepared and the coffin is ready."

Presently three dark figures wended their way toward the county jail. Later four men were seen going from the jail toward Dead Man's Hollow. No word was spoken until they reached a slight ridge just south of Meade, here they paused in deep discussion.

Not only the men who had taken part in the counsels of the Vigilantes, but perhaps a hundred others were eagerly watching the figures on the crest of the hill. They saw the old major throw back his head in his own princely manner. His words were borne distinctly to them on the night winds.

"My life," said he, "is a charmed one. I am a member of the Mystic Brotherhood, and it is not for you to teach me the sting of death."

They disappeared from view, and a little later three gun-shots rang out on the night air. The watchers knew that the death penalty had been paid.

Captain Osborn and his three friends returned to the bank, but they were silent in their sorrow. From the standpoint of the cattlemen Major Hampton had certainly merited death, but it seemed so terrible, so unexpected, so shocking, that no one of the four could reconcile himself to the belief that so monstrous a tragedy had really been enacted.

"Have you opened the letter yet?" inquired the captain.

"No," replied Hugh, "perhaps we might as well do it now as later."

Hugh broke the seal. The letter read as follows: "MY DEAR STANTON:—Enclosed herewith I hand you my last will and testament, bequeathing all my possessions to my beloved daughter, Marie Redfield Hampton. I also enclose the combination of my safe."

"You will find, in looking over my private books, an accurate statement of all moneys received from the sale of stolen cattle. You will also find a report of distributions which I have made of the money. The credit balance is less than one thousand dollars; all but this has been given to the poor and needy."

"I find deep consolation in thinking of the misery that I have lessened and the hearts that I have gladdened. The friendship of yourself, your father, and Captain Osborn, and your many kindnesses, are things engraven on my memory that will bear a golden harvest of responding love for mankind, and greater deeds of charity from my hands, in the years that are to come."

"As one of the Rosicrucians—a member of the Brotherhood of the Highest Himalayas—I cannot, in taking a farewell retrospective view, discover a single opportunity that I have not endeavored to improve."

"Tell your father that Kinneman and Spencer were but helpers—paid servants to do my bidding—and therefore they should not merit his anger."

"My pen drags a little as I write, for I am thinking of my daughter. Indeed, it is the one tie that is hardest for me to sever. I am sure at your request that both Mrs. Horton and Ethel will comfort her and give her a home. It will not be long until we are reunited."

"Tell her for me, as Charles the Ninth said to the queen mother,—'Wait. All human wisdom is in this single word,—wait.' So say I to her,—wait."

"Tell her also that I can but bow to the frenzy of the mob, and ask that they may be forgiven for they know not what they do."

"Impress upon her that no condition can arise in this crisis that is not fully provided for."

"You must not suppose, because I enclose my will herewith that my mission on earth is finished; but in the Great Southwest I shall from this night on be regarded as legally dead. My protection is nothing less than the invincible philosopher's stone, a talisman which will protect me far more securely than a coat of mail."

"Let me, in conclusion, admonish you to devote at least a part of the millions you will inherit to the sacred cause of humanity."

"Until we meet again, adieu!

"BUELL HAMPTON."

When Hugh had finished reading the letter, Captain Osborn arose and walked impatiently up and down the room.

"Dastardly!" he finally ejaculated, "yes, a most dastardly and outrageous murder has been committed. A maniac has been slaughtered in cold blood."

Soon after, they started for their homes. Hugh promising to come on a little later.

Left alone, Hugh walked toward the outskirts of the town, in the direction of Dead Man's Hollow. Arriving on the brow of the hill, his heart smote him, for there, locked in each others arms in deepest grief, were Marie Hampton and Ethel Horton.

Near them was a mound of earth, and, looking closer, he saw that it was a new-made grave.

CHAPTER XLIII.

UNDER THE QUIET STARS.

The story of the midnight murder of Maj. Buell Hampton at the hands of the Vigilantes traveled swiftly across the bleak Kansas prairies.

Again the people thronged the streets of Meade. The lamentations of bronzed men and emaciated women, was a scene never to be forgotten. The cattlemen were conspicuous only by their absence.

The sudden and startling discovery of Maj. Buell Hampton's misdeeds on the day before had intimidated many into partial inaction. Twenty-four hours had changed all this, however, and a love for their idol, the man of gentle manners and of generous acts, rose up before them like a spirit from the martyr's grave.

A part of the men went in search of the sheriff, only to find that he had taken an early train for Kansas City.

Judge Linus Lynn, during the afternoon, climbed on top of a dry-goods box in the middle of the public square, and made a speech. The people were quite ready to listen to eulogies pronounced in behalf of their lost benefactor, and Judge Lynn made Major Hampton's charities and nobleness of heart his theme.

The next day was Thursday, and, when the Patriot made its appearance, half the population of the surrounding country was waiting for a copy. Judge Lynn was the hero of the hour, his editorial entitled "The Death of a Martyr," was, indeed, an able and forceful presentation of facts from the farmers' and Barley Hullers' point of view. The plan suggested by Judge Lynn was that the people should assemble en masse the following Saturday and give a proper burial to the remains of the founder of the Barley Hullers, and that the ceremonies should be conducted under the auspices of that order.

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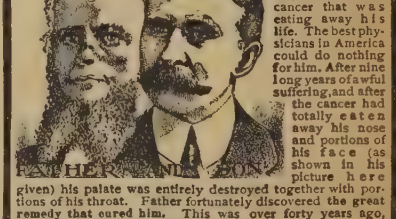
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gathering of people as had never before been seen on the frontier of the Great Southwest. The Barley Hullers occupied the places of honor next to Mr. Horton's carriage. In which were Marie, Hugh, Mrs. Horton, and Ethel.
On arriving at the new-made grave, willing hands commenced removing the soft earth.
The Barley Hullers formed in procession, and six pall-bearers lifted the coffin preparatory to the march to Graceland Cemetery. At this critical moment, the wooden bottom of the coffin gave way, and several bushels of earth fell to the ground. A hushed, death-like silence fell over the multitude.
Then, as if by magic, it dawned upon them that the Vigilantes had been cheated and that Maj. Buell Hampton was not dead. A spontaneous yell of triumph rent the air. There were acclamations of joy on every hand. Marie laughed and cried alternately, and finally fainted in the arms of Mrs. Horton and Ethel. Wild pandemonium of joy reigned.
When the tumult had quieted a little, and Marie had partially recovered, Hugh drove rapidly homeward.
When the cattlemen learned of the deception that had been practised upon them they were greatly surprised but, strange as it may appear, they were neither sorry nor angry. Indeed, they experienced a sense of relief when it was discovered that their committee had proved treacherous and that Maj. Buell Hampton's blood was not on their heads.
Within a week the excitement of the strange incident had practically subsided, but interest and diligent inquiry as to Major Hampton's whereabouts were still active.
Marie soon recovered from the severe shock and anxiously awaited his return. The fact that he still lived acted as a tonic to her shattered nerves.
Her genealogy fully established her kinship to Dr. Jack Redfield. It was a joyful discovery and the doctor never tired of answering the questions about the Redfield family.
"Just think, Marie," said Ethel, enthusiastically, "I shall soon—be your cousin, and you shall come and live with me in Chicago."
"No, Ethel," replied Marie, "I must wait for papa. I know he says that I am not his daughter, but my heart goes out to him just as much as if I were."
Hugh exhibited an increased consideration for Marie. He told Captain Osborn that it was because the major had requested him to look after her interests until he returned.
"But what will happen," asked Captain Osborn, in a bantering tone, "if the major never returns?"
"Your question," replied Hugh, in half-irritation, "is untenable, because it is not supposable. Major Hampton has promised to return, and he was never known to break his word in keeping an engagement."
Hugh confessed to himself that at last he was face to face with love itself; and just at a time, too, when Marie appeared indifferent.
"I have always been willing to go around a difficulty "but in this case I will jump over every obstacle that stands between my foolish self and Marie Hampton."
Generous, noble-hearted Hugh Stanton was, indeed, awakened to his first great passion of absorbing love. He thought how blind he had been in not understanding his heart long before.
He was confused when Ethel spoke to him, and made unintelligible answers. Dr. Jack Redfield laughingly accused him of being absent-minded. The cattle king said that he had been working too hard, while Mrs. Horton insisted that Hugh, poor boy, must take a vacation.
A sense of guilt crept into Hugh's heart, for he knew a secret which he believed none of them guessed. He raised his eyes like a blushing schoolboy to Marie's sweet face, and she was laughing a wicked, mischievous laugh.
"I beg pardon, Miss Marie; you seem amused."
"Yes," said she, still laughing; "I know what is the matter with you, but seemingly the others do not."
Hugh's face was now on fire. Was ever a girl more beautiful, bewitching, and tantalizing than Marie?
Hastily he bolted like an awkward overgrown boy from the room.
Mrs. Horton inquired of Marie what she fancied was troubling Hugh.
"Why, Mrs. Horton," replied Marie, "could you not see that his collar was so tight that his face was fairly crimson?"
"Hey?" interposed Mr. Horton. "Collar too tight, you say? Then he must have been wearing the same sized collar for the last ten days. I have noticed a wonderful change in him for the past week or so."
In the meantime, Hugh put on his hat and walked down the winding path to the lake. He bared his head and let the cool night winds fan his fevered brow.
After walking for an hour through the woods he came to the lake and paused a moment to watch the rippling waves. He turned, and then stopped suddenly. Immediately in front of him, was Marie. She came toward him, and in solicitous tones inquired if he were ill. Her foot caught on a vine of honeysuckle, and she nearly fell. Hugh caught her in his strong arms and held her passionately to his breast.
"Marie, Marie, my darling," he whispered. "I love you—yes, love you better than life. Can you not, will you not, give me a word, a single word of hope?"
She struggled to free herself from his embrace. He knew that the one woman to whom he had given his all-absorbing affection was resting in his arms.
She ceased struggling, and looked up into his face.
"Oh, my darling, my beloved Marie," he continued. "Can you not tell me that you love me?"
"Fray do not be angry with me," he went on, wildly; "kiss me, dearest, and I shall know that I am forgiven and loved."
For a moment she hesitated, and then, reaching up her plump, white arms, she clasped them about his neck and pressed her lips to his own.
It seemed that heaven enveloped them for a moment with its dazzling splendor.
"Ah, my darling," he murmured, "you forgive me, and love me. Complete my happiness by telling me in words."
"Do I love you, Hugh? Why, I loved you from the beginning."
Retreating within the summer-house, they began telling over the sacred story that has been

whispered by passionate lovers all round the world from the beginning of time.
A shadow fell across the doorway. It was Maj. Buell Hampton who stood before them. With a wild cry of joy and thanksgiving, Marie threw herself into his arms. After tenderly embracing her, he turned slowly toward Hugh.
"My dear Stanton," said he, in his rich, full voice, "I am indeed delighted to see you. I am going to a new country, and shall begin again my labors for the lowly and suffering humanity."
Marie was sobbing as if her heart would break.
"Do not grieve, my little girl, at my going. We shall meet again. I leave you sheltered and protected by the love of a noble man. My blessing is upon you and on him."
"Hugh, my son, into your care and keeping I give this noble girl. In the future you must be responsible for her happiness."
He lifted one of Marie's fair hands to his lips, and then placed it in Hugh's.
"My children, I can pronounce no richer eulogy than to say that I believe you are each worthy of the other. Adieu, my daughter. Farewell, my son."
He went out under the quiet stars, and, like a spirit, disappeared in the deep shadows of the woods, and was seen no more by those who marveled at this supposed Rosicrucian, or by the multitudes who had learned to love him on the cattle range of the Great Southwest.

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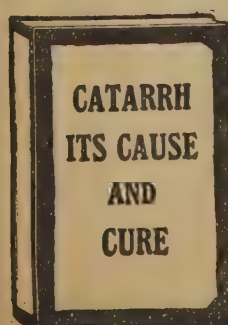
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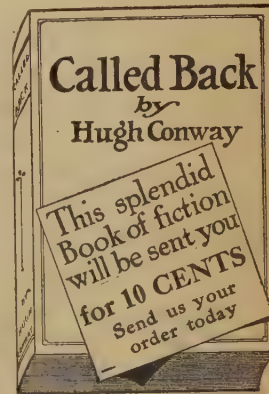
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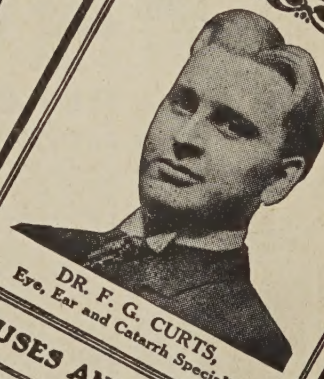
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All we ask is a fair verdict. We say if you are sick, if you are not feeling right, that you need Vitae-Ore. We say that one single package of Vitae-Ore

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You Don't Pay for Promises, but pay only for the HEALTH and not for words, and if the work is not done to your satisfaction, you don't pay a penny. You alone are to be the judge. We take all of the risk. You are the one to say "YES" or "NO." Read our thirty-day trial offer, read what Vitae-Ore is and write for a dollar package on trial.

Our 30-Day Trial Offer!

If You Are Sick we want to send you a full sized \$1.00 package of Vitae-Ore, enough for 30 days' continuous treatment, by mail, postpaid, and we want to send it to you on 30 days' trial. We don't want a penny—we just want you to try it, just want a letter from you asking for it, and will be glad to send it to you. We take absolutely all the risk—we take all chances. You don't risk a penny! All we ask is that you use V.-O. for 30 days and pay us \$1.00 if it has helped you, if you are satisfied that it has done you more than \$1.00 worth of positive, actual, visible good. Otherwise you pay nothing, we ask nothing, we want nothing. Can you not spare 100 minutes during the next 30 days to try it? Can you not give 5 minutes to write for it, 5 minutes to properly prepare it upon its arrival, and 3 minutes each day for 30 days to use it. That is all it takes. Cannot you give 100 minutes time if it means new health, new strength, new blood, new force, new energy, vigor, life and happiness? You are to be the judge. We are satisfied with your decision, are perfectly willing to trust to your honor, to your judgment, as to whether or not V.-O. has benefited you. Read what V.-O. is, and write today for a dollar package on this most liberal trial offer.

WHAT VITAE-ORE IS.

Vitae-Ore is a mineral remedy, a combination of substances from which many world's noted curative springs derive medicinal power and healing virtue. These properties of the springs come from the natural deposits of mineral in the earth through which water forces its way, only a very small proportion of the medicinal substances in these minerals being thus taken up by the liquid. Vitae-Ore consists of compounds of Iron, Sulphur, and Magnesium, elements which are among the chief curative agents in nearly every healing mineral spring, and are necessary for the creation and retention of health. One package of this mineral substance, mixed with a quart of water, equals in medicinal strength and curative, healing value many gallons of the world's powerful mineral waters drunk fresh at the springs.

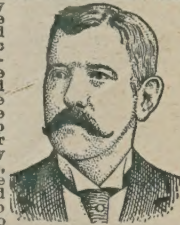
USE VITAE-ORE FOR

Rheumatism, Kidney, Bladder and Liver Diseases, Dropsy, Stomach Disorders, Female Ailments, Functional Heart Trouble, Catarrh of Any Part, Nervous Prostration, Anaemia, Sores and Ulcers, and Worn-out Debilitated Conditions. It strikes at the root of disease, eradicating deep-seated lesions and cures where many other remedies and treatments have failed even to benefit.

Helpless From Paralysis

Electric Treatments, Massage and Osteopathic Treatments Could Not Cure.

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—On September 21st, 1901, I received an injury to my spine which caused paralysis in my limbs from my knees down. I remained in the hospital twenty weeks, under the care of some of our best doctors, who did what they could for me without any material change. I decided to be taken home and remained in bed for several months. I tried electric treatments, massage, also osteopathic treatments, which did me but very little good, if any. I tried a New York doctor for some time and numerous remedies, but none seemed to help me. I had given up all hopes of ever being cured or even to walk again. One day my wife met a lady agent for Vitae-Ore, who persuaded her to take a package of Vitae-Ore for me to try. I had tried so many medicines with no good that I had fully decided not to throw away any more money, but was persuaded to try it. I had not taken it but a short time before it began to make me eat, my appetite having been very poor for a long time before. I kept right on using it and soon commenced to feel a great change; the terrible pain that I constantly had in my back began to diminish and my nerves began to quiet down so that I could sleep nearly all night without waking up. I soon began to get the use of my limbs and was able to get up on crutches, which I soon discarded. I have used no crutches in nearly a year and have been able to work for some time. I feel as well as I ever did in my life, and owe it all to Vitae-Ore.



CLARENCE D. SEELEY, 138 Basset St.

Made a New Woman After Months of Misery.

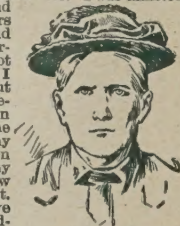
BELLEVIEW, TENN.—I have been suffering a long time from Female Weakness and Bladder Trouble. My Kidneys ached continually day and night and my periods were so bad that I could not sit up, but was in bed half of the time. They usually lasted for three weeks at a time. I had doctors attending me, but they did me no good. Then I saw the advertisement of Vitae-Ore and concluded to try it for a month. I sent for a trial package and began using it as per directions. I can now testify that this one trial package has almost entirely cured me. I feel like a new woman. I can do all my housework with pleasure. I wish to praise Vitae-Ore to all sufferers, for I know it is a good medicine, as it has cured me. I am only sorry that I did not see your trial offer long ago and thus save months of suffering and misery.



Mrs. M. A. CUMINGS.

Cured Rheumatism and Chronic Catarrh.

BONANZA, OREGON.—I will always praise Vitae-Ore, for I experienced a great deal of good by its use. I was afflicted with Rheumatism in my fingers and after spending hundreds of dollars for doctors, I tried Vitae-Ore, and used two packages. I used it internally and also made the Elixir hot and bathed my hands in it, and I could almost feel the pain going out of my hands. I am still using Vitae-Ore and this winter I did not even have as much as a cold. It is the best thing to keep one healthy through the winter. I have been troubled with Catarrh for many years until I used Vitae-Ore, but now my Catarrh is a thing of the past. Many other people hereabouts have used Vitae-Ore on my recommendation and they speak well of it. It is a great boon for sick people and I tell everyone of it.



Mrs. JOHN NICHOLS.

Makes Permanent Cures

Cures with Vitae-Ore are like a house built on a rock, in their permanency, in their positiveness, in their completeness. First is created a structure of health in the blood, a substantial basis for all else to rest upon. Then the edifice is built naturally, stone after stone, day by day, nerve, tissue, muscle and ligament are placed in a normal, healthy, natural condition, the drains put in thorough working order, the parts cleansed, healed and purified, and the completed work is then turned over to the tenant's hands. The foundation is right, the work is right, and it lasts. Dosing stops—nothing requires it. Suffering ends—there is nothing to cause it.

Delays are Dangerous--Do it Now

Health is so Important

To your happiness, success and enjoyment of life and its duties that if you are in any way sick or ailing you should not delay a day or an hour but should begin proper treatment immediately, before the trouble has a chance to become settled in any of the vital organs, to spread to other parts, or to become aggravated in its developments. The cures Vitae-Ore has made in thousands of cases prove the good work it does in checking disease and repairing its ravages, a work that every sick person, man and woman, should turn to for help. Do not continue suffering when Vitae-Ore is offered to you without a penny's risk. Send for a \$1.00 package on trial today.

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